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## Tories to include plans for workfare in manifesto

CHRIS BLACKHURST and ANTHONY BEVINS

Conservative strategists are planning to include a scheme for "workfare", forcing the long-term unemployed out to work and off the dole queue, in the party's general election manifesto.

Currently called "Contract to Work" in senior Tory circles, the tough US-style initiative is being viewed enthusiastically by both the Downing Street Policy Unit and Conservative Central Office, who see it as a potential vote-winner. They

believe the proposal will meet with warm approval from their supporters and will steal a march on Labour, which is believed to be thinking along similar, but less Draconian lines.

A pattern is beginning to emerge of a strong line to run through the manifesto - representing tough, nonsense values that Conservative strategists believe will appeal to working voters who resent "cheats", "scroungers" and young "treataways".

The result will not only be the promotion of workfare, which was backed by deputy Prime Minister Michael Heseltine 10 years ago, but

a more hardline approach to young offenders.

One possibility being mooted on youth crime is another United States response - the curfew - which could be slapped on persistent young criminals, forcing them off the streets during the hours of darkness. Manifesto policies are also being sought to deal with disruptive pupils in schools.

Both Whitehall and Central Office sources have confirmed that work on the controversial workfare policy is well advanced and say it could be flagged at the forthcoming party conference. A range of options is un-

der review, the most radical of which is encouraging employers to give work with training to young, unemployed people. They would be paid by the employer and have their benefit stopped.

Acceptance of the proposal represents a victory in Whitehall for Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, and Norman Blackwell, head of the Downing Street think-tank, who persuaded the Treasury to drop its opposition to workfare.

They are hopeful that two pilot studies by the Department of Education and Employment, currently

underway in Hull and Maidstone, will highlight the positive aspects of such a scheme. Opponents of workfare argue it makes the state the employer of those at the bottom of the jobs market and threatens those in non-subsidised, low-paid work.

Workfare said one policy adviser, could result in three jobs being removed from the dole list for every one created. "It will take off the person who is forced to work. It will get rid of the cheats who have been claiming benefit for years while doing other work. Now, unless they do a community job, they will no longer

receive benefit. Third, those people who could get a job but choose not to, because the dole is a soft option, will sign-off and take a job."

In the Hull and Maidstone exercises, people aged between 18 and 50 who have been unemployed for more than two years are given intensive help over 13 weeks to help them find a job or a place on a training course.

After that, if they are still unemployed, they must work for 13 weeks on a community project. Run by charities, the projects cover menial tasks like gardening for the elderly and renovating tourist sites.

They receive normal unemployment benefit plus £10 a week, paid by the Government. The two pilot studies are budgeted to cost £12m and have just entered the 13-week community work phase.

In order to be seen to be cracking down on benefit abuses, senior Tories intend workfare to be mandatory: unemployed people will have no choice if they wish to continue being paid but to work. Tory resolve has been reinforced by a recent survey showing two out of three people would back some form of workfare.

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Out of time: A purge of gypsies living in caravans on their own land without planning permission is likely after the European Court ruled yesterday that local authorities had the right to evict them. Report, page 5

## Dublin enters shooting row

JOHN RENTOU and JASON BENNETTO

The Irish prime minister yesterday stepped into the growing controversy over the shooting of a suspected IRA terrorist in London. Addressing the Dail in Dublin, John Bruton called for an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the shooting of Diarmuid O'Neill, 27, on Monday morning.

The intervention by the Taoiseach came as Tony Blair, the Labour leader, was embroiled in a furious row with two left-wing MPs over plans to meet Sinn Fein.

Mr Bruton's comments appeared to lend some support to the accusations made by Gerry Adams, who said yesterday: "The media was briefed that this man was killed in a gunfight and now we are being told that this is not the case. That not only was there not a gunfight, not only did he not fire any shots, but it now appears that he didn't even have a weapon," the Sinn Fein president said.

Mr Adams was supported by John O'Donoghue, justice spokesman for the opposition Fianna Fail party, who said he feared police may have operated a "shoot-to-kill" policy. He demanded an inquiry "at the very highest level".

Scotland Yard is refusing to comment officially on the shooting, but confirmed yesterday via "sources" that O'Neill, who was known as Dermot, was unarmed when he was shot up to 10 times at a guest house in Hammersmith, west London. He died later in hospital.

Clear links between Mr O'Neill and an IRA active service unit have been established,

according to intelligence sources in London, although Irish sources have questioned this assertion.

The anti-terrorist officers involved in the raid had been informed, incorrectly, that there were firearms in the guest house. MI5 would have provided the bulk of intelligence, much of which was probably ob-

tained from telephone and electronic listening devices.

Scotland Yard sources were confident yesterday that an ongoing investigation by the Police Complaints Authority will exonerate them of any wrongdoing. A police source said: "The officers involved were in fear of their lives and believed the suspect was armed."

Yesterday, it emerged that the five men - one of whom is Mr O'Neill's brother, Shane, 23, - facing a fourth day in police custody are being questioned about the massive Docklands lorry bomb in February in which two people died. Monday's seizure and raids are not, at this stage, believed to be linked with that incident.

Meanwhile, the inquest on O'Neill, who has Irish parents and was born and brought up in London, was opened and his body was released for burial.

As the "shoot-to-kill" allegations mounted, Mr Blair cracked the party whip yesterday with a threat to discipline Labour MPs Tony Benn and Jeremy Corbyn if they went ahead

with today's planned meeting at the House of Commons with the Sinn Fein leader.

The proposed visit threw the Labour Party into turmoil after Donald Dewar, Labour's chief whip, issued a blunt warning that Mr Corbyn, MP for Islington North, faced "disciplinary action" if he went ahead with the meeting.

Mr Dewar said in a statement: "I wish to make it very clear that Mr Corbyn is acting on his own behalf and must take responsibility for so doing. The Labour Party is not involved or associated in any way. We utterly condemn his proposed action." The tone made it clear that if Mr Corbyn went ahead, he would lose the Labour whip in the Commons and be unable to stand as a Labour candidate at the next election.

But the decisive action was complicated when it emerged

that the room in the Palace of Westminster for the meeting had been booked in the joint names of Mr Corbyn and Tony Benn, veteran leader of the left.

Labour MPs yesterday condemned Mr Corbyn and urged him to pull out of the "private meeting" with Mr Adams - arranged after a news conference to publicise Mr Adams's autobiography was banned by the Commons authorities.

Clive Soley, Labour MP for Hammersmith, where an IRA bomb was discovered and disarmed earlier this year, said his constituents "will not understand" Mr Corbyn's action in "giving a propaganda platform to a party that is soft on violence".

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## World ends when you can't hear Naughtie

ANTHONY BEVINS

The end of civilisation will be marked by a deathly hush from James Naughtie and his colleagues on the BBC radio programme *Today*, commanders of Trident submarines have been told.

In a preface to a new book on post-war politics, *Muddling Through* out today, contemporary historian Peter Hennessy pays tribute to Radio 4 as part of the national identity.

But he then reveals a chilling secret about the procedure for war.

"I was tickled (in a grim way) rather than surprised to learn that the final check the commander of a Royal Navy Polaris or Trident submarine would make, deep under the waters of the North Atlantic, to determine whether a United Kingdom still existed, before he opened his sealed orders on retaliation after a pre-emptive nuclear strike, would be to tune in to the Radio 4 *Today* programme.

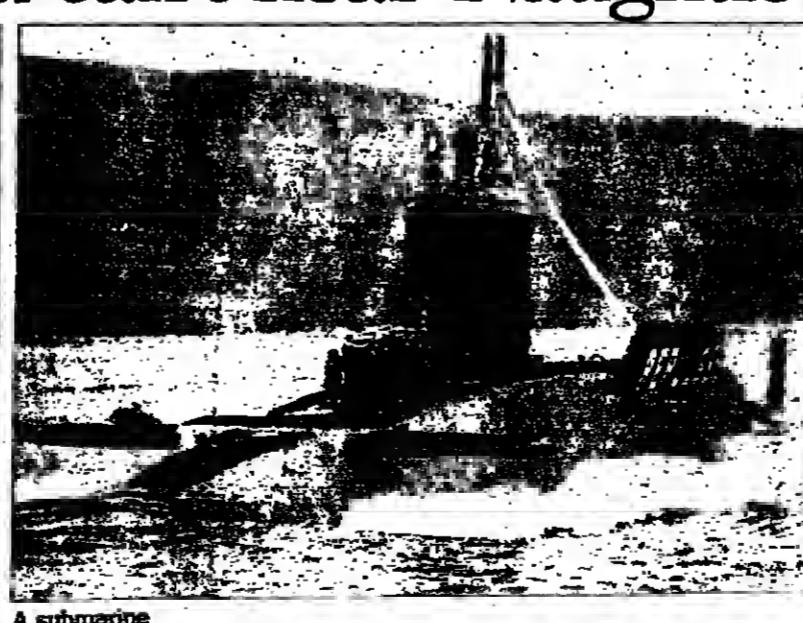
If, after a highly secret number of days, there is no Jim Naughtie, John Humphrys, Anna Ford, those last instructions from a by-now deceased Prime Minister would be opened."

Mr Hennessy, Professor of Contemporary History at Queen Mary and Westfield College, London, describes the procedure as "a final if macabre tribute to a broadcasting service sans pareil".

"I used to sometimes wonder if Mrs Margaret Thatcher as Prime Minister knew about this particular subsidiary function of *Today*, a programme of which she was a regular but rarely satisfied listener."



James Naughtie



A submarine

Professor Hennessy said yesterday: "If the Trident commander could not pick up *Today*, that would be that. He would then have to decide whether to launch the missiles, or go off to New Zealand. He would know that there was no point in going back to base, in fact."

Mr Naughtie told *The Independent* that he certainly did not know of the Trident commanders' orders to listen in to *Today*.

"I suppose we've always known we have listeners everywhere," he said.

"It now appears we have them in the depths of the ocean. I think that may be marginally surprising, since some people

don't appear able to get decent reception in the Highlands of Scotland, and they can get it at the bottom of the various oceans of the world."

But he added: "For their sake and for ours, I hope they never have to go for too long without *Today*."

In his book, which includes a number of his Radio 4 broadcasts, Professor Hennessy says that the decision to launch a nuclear strike is otherwise held exclusively by the Prime Minister of the day.

Lord Callaghan, the former Labour prime minister, told him in one programme: "I don't think I ever sat down

and contemplated [the decision]. It was one of the things that one had to face for many years, and I took part in exercises that would lead up to the point where you either discharged the missile or you capitulated."

Those exercises were not very pleasant occasions, but it's one of the matters that you have to live with, and I found it difficult in living with it, although I would have found great difficulty in having to take the decision.

"Nevertheless," he continued, "that is your job, that is your responsibility, and I would have taken whatever decision was appropriate."

### QUICKLY

#### Major's new spin

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#### Fraud juries call

George Staple, director of the Serious Fraud Office, yesterday called for an end to the use of juries in the most complex fraud trials.

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## PM to hold 'fireside chats' with activists

JOHN RENTOU  
Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister is to hold a "question-and-answer" session at Conservative conference in Bournemouth next month, in order to present him as relaxed and confident in unscripted debate with party activists.

The session was to have been unveiled as a surprise addition to the published agenda on the Wednesday of the conference.

and will take place as well as John Major's set-piece speech as party leader on Friday.

Trying out a format which both main-party leaders are likely to use during the general election campaign, Mr Major will take questions from representatives while sitting on a chair in front of the stage in the conference hall.

The session will close with a five- or 10-minute "fireside chat" in which Mr Major will

talk to the audience in a conversational way without notes.

The format is also scheduled to be used by Stephen Dorrell, the Secretary of State for Health, instead of his traditional ministerial speech on Tuesday and by Brian Mawhinney, the Tory party chairman, on Wednesday morning.

Dr Mawhinney is listed on

the agenda as leading a debate on "Our Nation's Future", the consultation exercise launched

by the Prime Minister among grassroots Tories. But this could be the slot that Tory managers intend to use for Mr Major's innovative session.

The question-and-answer format was first tried at the Tories' spring mini-conference, Central Council, in Harrogate, and was judged a success by party managers.

Tory Central Office believes that the Prime Minister comes across best when he is speaking

directly and informally to people, rather than delivering a written address. At the last two conferences, Mr Major has spoken from notes, without the words scrolling up on a glass teleprompter in front of him, and in a fairly low-key style.

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Major took to his soapbox for a less managed, governmental feel.

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## significant shorts

### PowerGen pulls plug on 'filthy fuel'

PowerGen yesterday announced that its *liquefied* power station near Chester, where it has been burning *oil* to life, according to a report in *New Scientist* magazine today.

The decision delighted Friends of the Earth and effectively ends PowerGen's plans to use the fuel from Venezuela in Britain. But Britain's biggest generating company, National Power, is still pursuing plans to burn the fuel at its Pembroke station in west Wales.

Oil emulsion - a heavy mixture of oil and water - contains high levels of toxic heavy metals and sulphur, and environmentalists describe it as "the world's filthiest fuel". *Nicholas Schoon*

### Frozen heart success boost for cryogenics

Cryogenic scientists have succeeded in bringing a deep-frozen heart from a rat back to life, according to a report in *New Scientist* magazine today.

The achievement by researchers from the University of Pretoria in South Africa is seen as a significant step towards the dream of storing transplant organs in deep freeze. Previous attempts have been frustrated by the fact that water expands when it freezes, rupturing cell membranes.

The researchers solved the problem with a "cryoprotectant" liquid which is non-toxic and does not damage cells when it freezes. They plan to transplant a defrosted pig's heart into a live animal by the end of the year.

### Boys accused over attack

Three 16-year-olds will appear before Westminster Youth Court today charged with robbery, rape, and the attempted murder of a 32-year-old Austrian woman who was attacked and thrown into a canal in King's Cross, north London, last Saturday. A further five teenagers were being questioned by police.

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## SNP call to exclude Scots beef from ban

### JAMES CUSICK

Europe should be encouraged to separate the Scottish beef industry from the British export ban with an appeal to Brussels by an all-party delegation, the Scottish National Party conference heard yesterday.

Speaking on the opening day of the conference in Inverness, Dr Allan Macartney, the MEP for north-east Scotland, urged the Secretary of State for Scotland Michael Forsyth to "take politics out of the BSE crisis".

Dr Macartney said Mr Forsyth's recent comment that he "intended to fight for Scottish beef" would not have been made without Cabinet approval.

The incidence of BSE - mad cow disease - in the Scottish beef herd is significantly lower than the UK figure. In April, when the nationalists first suggested that a cull could be zoned to account for Scotland's lower infection rate, the idea was dismissed by the Government. Dr Macartney said yesterday that he had been urged by senior Conservative MEPs to relook the idea. "With Mr Forsyth having done nothing in the past six months but bad mouth Europe and insist there

was no Scottish solution to the crisis, Mr Forsyth on his own is hardly in a credible position to argue the case for Scottish beef in Europe."

Indeed, the SNP had proposed that an all-party delegation should urgently with the EU agricultural commissioner, Franz Fischler. When the idea of a zoned approach was suggested to Brussels in April, Mr Fischler appeared to make no firm objection. However, he indicated no action could be taken unless there was a direct suggestion to the UK government.

It seemed unlikely Mr Forsyth would join such an all-party trip at direct odds with his own Cabinet colleagues. However, Dr Macartney said that Mr Forsyth - regarded as a shrewd politician - would not have suggested a "separate" Scottish fight without at least seeking comment from No 10.

SNP officials said Mr Forsyth had been told of the idea before last week's Cabinet meeting but had so far not responded.

Dr Macartney said the handling of the BSE crisis by the Government was "a political education lesson in the need for independence". To conference applause Dr

Macartney said: "John Major is prepared to sacrifice the Scottish beef industry hoping the problem will die out in 2002. He has to now appreciate the urgency of the situation facing Scottish farmers and find enough is enough."

Elsewhere, the party was confident it could win more seats at the next election. In a recent poll by System Three the SNP had 29 per cent, trailing Labour on 48 but leading the Conservatives on 15. Pre conference attacks from both Tory and Labour were anticipated, and on cue arrived yesterday.

Labour criticised a Young Scots for Independence leaflet, mainly distributed at recent pop concerts. The leaflet quoted the book and film *Transporting* by Irvine Welsh with the words that the English were "wankers". Labour MP Maria Fife said the leaflet was racist and called for its withdrawal.

The Tories' Scottish chairman, Sir Michael Hirst, attacked the SNP's recent *A Programme for Government* publication claiming that 68 crucial items - from nuclear decommissioning to the replacement of tolls on the Skye Bridge - had not been properly dealt

## Major's attempt at peace collapses

COLIN BROWN  
Chief Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister's attempt to halt attacks on the Chancellor collapsed yesterday as one of his closest supporters warned that the Euro-sceptic right wing were already fighting the battle for the leadership.

Robert Hughes, a member of the Prime Minister's leadership election campaign team, said the left-right split over Europe which had undermined Kenneth Clarke's authority had become part of the battle for the succession after the election.

Mr Hughes, Tory MP for Harrow, said on BBC radio: "Too many people on both sides of this argument [Europe] aren't concentrating on this; they are not concentrating on the election: they are simply positioning themselves for what is going to happen after the election, win or lose."

The admission that the campaigning had already begun for John Major's leadership crown highlighted the feeling by many Tory MPs that the divisions over Europe are too deep to cover up before the election.

It came as John Redwood, a former challenger for the Tory leadership, openly contradicted Mr Major by insisting that Mr Clarke had stepped out of line by saying it would be "pathetic" not to join the first wave of countries into a single currency. Tearing open the careful patching operation by Downing Street, Mr Redwood said the Government must clarify the situation.

The former Tory Chief Whip, Tim Renton, hit out at Mr Redwood's followers: "It is a great pity the sceptics led by John Redwood are so ready to jump on the bandwagon and try and cause division on the Europe issue."

Another former minister, David Hunt, was dismissive of the Euro-sceptics' strength. "We have always had a small number of Conservative MPs who have disagreed vehemently with our policies on Europe. Nothing has changed since the early Seventies. They have always been there."

Robert Hughes: "Too many are positioning for after election"

### London Fashion Week: Ronit Zilkha weighs in for the working woman



In control: Evening dress designed by Ronit Zilkha, who made her London Fashion Week debut at the Victoria and Albert Museum yesterday. Photograph: Ben Ewes

### Made to measure for the real world

MELANIE RICKEY

London Fashion Week opened yesterday morning with a show by Ronit Zilkha, a new name to the catwalks, on the day that Vivienne Westwood announced her return to the London catwalks next spring.

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### Riddles County Riddles.

#### No. 11. Heads you win

Adam who works at Riddles Brewery in Ratland decided to take a holiday in the Highlands of Scotland to smell the heather rather than the hops for a change. He loved the scenery but had a little trouble with the "honey" preferring the familiar taste of Riddles County which is so accessible to most of Britain but somewhat harder to find in the mountains of Scotland.

After 10 days even the beauty of the scenery began to pall and the memory of his beloved Riddles (so near yet so far away) started to get to him. To take his mind off things and for want of something better to do he decided to have his hair cut. Being a shrewd Sausage for all his quiet ways, Adam knew his choice of barber was critical. However he chose correctly and left with a smart trim. Who did Adam choose to cut his hair and why?



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# Revenge of the Hollywood wives



Memo (urgent) to Lady Diana: An absolute must-do in Washington before you go home tonight - go see *First Wives Club*. It's awfully silly, but it's also a scream. I just know you'll love it (and, my dear, there isn't an ex-wife left in Manhattan who hasn't already seen it). Maybe the First Wife/Lady (!) can arrange for a screening in the White House?? Enjoy, a friend.

The Princess of Wales may not actually have gone to this film during her two-day visit to Washington this week, but she cannot possibly have escaped hearing about it. (Although it is doubtful anyone will have dared relate in her presence one of the best jokes in it, which uses the b-word, *bulimia*). It is the revenge-comedy that every ex-trophy-wife, from Beverly Hills to New York's Park Avenue, has been waiting for.

Starring Bette Midler, Goldie Hawn and Diane Keaton, as a trio of marital discards, the movie has already attained that elusive quality that Hollywood studios usually only dream of - a social "phenomenon" that is attracting serious analysis, even portentous commentary in the weekly, as well as mega-takings at the box office.

The film's begins with our hapless, forty-to-fifty-something gals rediscovering an old school-age friendship while attending the funeral of another old friend who has jumped from a window after the break-up of her marriage.

Instantly, they recognise the new bood that ties them all together. All have given their best years and energies to highly successful and socially-visible husbands who now sincere-mou-niously ditch them in favour of

A new film about first wives getting their revenge after being dumped is big box office in the US



Trio with the knives out: Goldie Hawn, Diane Keaton and Bette Midler play revengeful discards in 'First Wives Club', not to be confused with Ivana Trump (left) and Sondra Locke

younger, more firm-bodied, models. Equally obvious, to cast and audience alike, is where the plot must thereafter take them - to revenge on these ungrateful jerks. So, hold on to your crotches, guys, it's pay-back time, these girls aren't fooling.

The recklessly illogical nature of the various subplots and the self-righteous goeyness of the film's culmination (the women, having humiliates their exes, set up a self-help clinic for scorned wives) has ensured that critical reaction has been lukewarm at best. But such is the attractiveness of the stars, the momentum of the movie is

hard to resist. Moreover, it is packed with bitter and often hilarious one-liners that any insecure wife might care to write down for possible future use.

It is Midler, playing a Jewish Italian housewife, who, on meeting the oev himbeite acquired by Morty, (her electrical-appliance king of an ex-husband) declares: "Well, the bulimia certainly paid off". And she has this priceless exchange: "Where's your little girlfriend Morty?" "She's waiting in the car." "Where - in the glove compartment?"

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at least, is the close-to-the-bone verisimilitude of so much of its content. There is the failed film actress character played by Ms Hawn who concludes that women like her will be automatically doomed unless they can hold on to their youth and beauty beyond the age of 40. Hence her obsession with the plastic surgeon.

Ms Hawn's character has undergone so many collagen lip injections she has wound up with a mouth that makes Miss Piggy's look positively dainty. "I want Tina Turner," she wails to her implant-meister. "I want Mick Jagger! I want young!

Science-fiction young!" The evocation, verbally and literally, of several living stars also helps takes us into the realms of reality. Ivana Trump, first wife of Donald, makes a cameo appearance declaring: "Don't get even. Get everything!"

And there are lines like this from Midler to Hawn about her collagen prowess. "Thanks to Cher's pioneering efforts, you still haven't hit puberty!"

The observant movie-goer may also enjoy the real-life coincidence of Clint Eastwood having the tables dramatically turned on him by an ex-lover in California this week. Mr Eastwood reportedly agreed on Tuesday to pay millions of dollars out of court to pre-empt a jury verdict in a fraud suit brought against him by Sondra Locke. She claimed

that she was tricked out of a palimony settlement from the actor, with whom she had lived for 11 years before being dumped, with promises of a film-directing deal with Warner Brothers. Nothing came of the agreement which, according to Ms Locke, Mr Eastwood had deliberately sabotaged.

Offering her own pseudoserial babbles on the film, Margaret Carlson, a columnist for *Time* magazine, suggests the fiction is important because it represents a reaction to the trophy-spouse ethos of the Eighties when dumping ex-wives not only escaped criticism

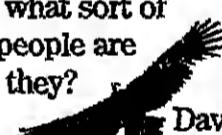


but was even lauded. "At the very least, it works as an antidote to the zeitgeist of the 1980s, when middle-aged tycoons and their acolytes could suddenly drop an inconvenient wife without social opprobrium," she writes.

Ms Hawn herself has admitted that the movie, while primarily a comedy, has aroused more heart-felt reactions, not least among America's very large community of ditched spouses. "Women grow older, men want someone younger, it's an age-old issue," she said. "We tried to be funny - revenge is fun in a comedy - but I think we have hit a nerve, too."

So far, the audiences at the film have been overwhelmingly female. Men, it appears, are not especially attracted to this blockbuster. And husbands who have themselves at some point traded old wives for sleeker, racier versions, are likely to be particularly reluctant viewers for this entertainment.

Prince Charles, who recently has been seen once more in the company of Camilla Parker Bowles, may not precisely fit into this explored category. Even so, perhaps this memo should be forwarded to His Highness: Skip this one.

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## Whitehall truth treatment makes beef perfectly safe

LIZ HUNT AND CHARLES ARTHUR

Whitehall mandarins have wrought big changes on Britain in recent years. Now they are even changing the language.

Two departments yesterday added to a tide of "Newspeak" - the official language of Oceania in George Orwell's novel 1984 - and carried out cosmetic surgery on the meaning of "safe" and "good".

Both have now been redefined to suit the needs of the rule-makers, though with none of the eloquence and little of the style of Sir Humphrey, their fictional counterpart.

At the Department of Health, Sir Kenneth Calman, the Chief Medical Officer, declared that "safe" actually meant there was some risk, albeit negligible.

The latest edition of the Oxford Pocket Dictionary defines "safe" as: "free of risk or damage".

injury" or "secure, not risky".

Meanwhile the Department of the Environment insisted that its classification of air quality as "good" on days when the concentration of ozone exceeded internationally accepted health guidelines was entirely correct.

Thus, while fellow Europeans are breathing air with ozone levels above 50 parts per billion they are told that air quality is "not good", while in Britain it is defined as "good".

Sir Kenneth's classification of risk, outlined in his annual report on public health, said "negligible" meant an adverse event occurring at a frequency below one per million. "Other words which can be used in this context are 'remote' or 'insignificant'," he said. "If the word 'safe' is to be used, it must be seen to mean negligible, but should not imply no, or zero, risk."

So under the new Whitehall definition, eating beef is "safe".

even though there may be some risk - a negligible one - linked with the new strain of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, confirmed in 12 people to date.

Asked how "safe" could mean anything other than "zero risk", Sir Kenneth said: "I think that's only partially how it's defined. Safe to cross the road doesn't mean there's no risk in crossing the road. It's negligible, but there's a slim chance."

However, any latter-day Winston Smith toiling in the Ministry of Truth would find no career boost in writing a speech for a minister to stand up and declare that there was a "negligible risk" of catching a deadly disease from eating beef. He or she must reassure the voters, and the export industry, that beef is safe. Thus, in the best traditions of Newspeak and doublethink (the art of believing two conflicting ideas at once) the definition of safe has been changed.

Yet the department said there had been "poor" air quality at its hundreds of monitoring sites, which provide data hourly, on only 39 occasions.

So under the new Whitehall definition, eating beef is "safe".

## Talking tags: the perfect icebreaker for nerds

CHARLES ARTHUR  
Science Editor

Tongue-tied at drinks parties? Can't start the conversation? Don't worry - technology has devised an answer, in the form of a lapel badge that literally lights up when you meet somebody with similar interests.

Called "Groupwear", the badge has five small lights which can flash either red or green. When you meet somebody who is also wearing one, the badges communicate by infra-red beams, just like a television remote control, and swap data about their wearers. The more alike your interests, the more green lights you get - the more you disagree, the more red lights.

Rick Borovoy, a graduate student at the Media Lab at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, invented the "talking tags" and agrees that they could

be ideally suited for singles bars and other social situations where people are eager to talk but unsure where to start. "That's the top use that people suggest," he said yesterday.

The system forms a quick introduction to five questions that a party's host can choose. At its first outing, at an MIT Media Lab function, arriving guests filled in a computer form with multiple choice answers to questions. They included: "How would you like to spend your 15 minutes of fame?" (choices profiled in the New York Times, interviewed by Oprah Winfrey, as a hyperlink on a World-Wide Web page of the Internet) and "Who would you most like to have dinner with?" (choices: the lawyers from the OJ Simpson trial, assorted MIT gurus, or Peter Gabriel and Laurie Anderson).

The answers are coded on the badges, which then send out beams to any other badge in the vicinity to see if the answers agree.

Mr Borovoy says that much of the usefulness of the badges lies in framing interesting questions. But all is not lost even if your badges show that you disagree on all sorts of subjects. "We've had people who are good friends getting five red lights," he said.

And with people who hadn't met each other, that often turned out to mean that you had more to talk about. People felt it was intriguing.

Mr Borovoy says that a lot of MIT's commercial sponsors have expressed interest in developing consumer versions of the badges.

But for the moment those who find social occasion problematic still have to rely on the time-tested question: "With what frequency do you visit this location?"

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# The Irish bombers: What sort of people are they?

DAVID MCKITTRICK

Ireland correspondent

The salient feature of IRA personnel involved in the republican campaigns of terrorism in Britain is that they fit into no single pattern: there is no one identifiable picture of a typical IRA bomber.

Rather, the profiles of those involved in the course of the campaigns, which have lasted to various phases since 1972 until the present day, show that they fall into a variety of disparate categories.

Some are known and highly-experienced republican activists, despatched from the north or south of Ireland; some are only teenagers, with little or no republican traces; some have lived in England for most of their lives.

What is perhaps extraordinary is the fact that so many people – almost certainly hundreds of them – have run the risk of becoming involved in terrorist activities, knowing that if caught they can expect lengthy jail sentences in unfriendly conditions in British prisons.

Yet the flow of IRA mem-

bers has been kept up for more than two decades, refining their methods and techniques since the early days of the 1970s when a gang of republicans bombed the Old Bailey in central London and then, ludicrously, attempted to board the next plane back to Belfast.

Some of those involved have been hardened IRA members, often from families with republican links stretching back beyond the present troubles. At least two of those involved in the early days had brothers killed by the British Army in Belfast.

In at least two cases in recent years the security services were clearly on to the terrorists right from the start, following them from the moment they landed in Britain.

They could have been spotted at ports or airports, or they could have been reported missing from their usual haunts by police in Belfast or Dublin.

In other cases, teenagers have been sent over to the mainland, obviously in the hope that their lack of open republican links mean they will escape the attention of the security forces.

Another example of what might reasonably be called a desperado was Paul Magee, an IRA man who killed a special constable in Yorkshire during a routine vehicle check in 1992. Magee appears to have con-

sidered that he had nothing left to lose, since he was on the run from police in both Northern Ireland and the Republic.

As he had escaped from prison in Belfast after being jailed for the murder of an SAS man, he knew he already faced a life sentence if apprehended.

He had republican form, having faced a charge of murdering an RUC constable in the early 1980s. The case was dropped. He was a close friend of Bobby Sands, the near-legendary IRA hunger-striker.

Born in Birmingham of Northern Irish parents, O'Adhaimh had moved back to Belfast at the age of four. There he gained a doctorate with a thesis on the dynamics of the hunger, lecturing in Belfast before applying for the job in Lancashire.

Caught red-handed with a car containing explosives, he admitted IRA membership but mounted the defence that he intended only to store them because the IRA was involved in a peace process.

In a speech from the dock, O'Adhaimh said he hoped the process "leads to a permanent end to the war".

record of sex offences. More than one jailed in England has been said to have a drink problem.

In yet another pattern, first or second generation Irish people in Britain have become involved. These are probably of particular value to the IRA, since they tend to have English accents and have an intimate

knowledge of how to avoid drawing attention to themselves.

There have also been cases of the IRA recruiting people resident in England who have both an Irish background and far-left political beliefs.

Some of those who have

come before the courts have been characterised as minor

characters. When a Belfast republican, Patrick Magee, was given eight life sentences for his part in the 1984 Brighton hotel bombing, in which five people were killed, another man who pleaded guilty to involvement in the attack was given only a four-year sentence. Described as shaking as he stood in the dock, he was said to be

a reluctant recruit to the IRA, having been a patient in a psychiatric hospital where he was treated for manic depression. A doctor described him as "a quiet, charming gentle and very troubled young man who often tended to be morose and withdrawn". Magee is still in jail.

This is, however, very much

an exception to the rule that those involved in the bombing campaigns have generally shown fervour and dedication to their cause.

But the range of different types involved helps illustrate why it has proved so difficult for the security services to combat the IRA's efforts to take its war to England.

The Englishman – Frank Ryan  
Ryan was killed in November 1991, together with Patricia Black, an IRA member, when their bomb exploded prematurely outside a theatre in St Albans, where an army band had been playing.

Born in Harlow, Essex, of Irish parents, Ryan lived in England until he was 19. In 1982, he moved to a republican area of west Belfast with his mother and almost immediately became involved in republican work, such as helping to sell Sinn Fein publications.

Those who knew him described him as bright and dedicated to republican work.

The fact that he had an English accent marked him out as being of potential use to the IRA in Britain, and he was sent there as part of an active service unit, probably less than a year before his death.

Speaking at Ryan's funeral, a Sinn Fein leader said: "Frankie and his family are not alone: they are representatives of a generation of leaders who

The student – Kevin Barry O'Donnell  
O'Donnell was 19 when he was arrested in London in 1990 by police who found two Kalashnikovs in the boot of a car in which he was travelling.

A native of County Tyrone, he was at the time of his arrest taking a post-graduate course at an agricultural college in Shropshire.

There was surprise when

the young man of terrorist

background was described as

the son of a teacher.

He had a good record at school.

Fears of local authority purge after European court backs refusal of planning permission for woman to live in her own caravan



On the open road: In recent years gypsies have tried to adapt to new realities, but their traditional way of life is long gone  
Photograph: Hulton Getty

## Draw round the caravans, the gypsy way of life may be going forever

LOUISE JURY and CLARE GARNER

A gypsy refused planning permission for her caravan now faces eviction after the European Court of Human Rights ruled against her.

The court decided South Cambridgeshire District Council had taken the traditional lifestyle of June Buckley into account when it would not let her stay on land she owned, and had not acted unreasonably in asking her to leave.

The decision could affect up to 400 other gypsies believed to be living illegally on their own land and last night prompted fears of a purge against them by local authorities.

However, the case could also

pave the way for greater long-term security for gypsies as, in deciding to accept the case, the European Court recognised for the first time that their way of life might be protected under the European Convention on Human Rights.

Mrs Buckley and her solicitor, Luke Clements, said they would fight on. "I won't stop here," she said. "A year ago, the Government said they wanted to encourage travellers to buy their own land and develop it. Now we are starting to do it, they don't want it."

Mr Clements added: "This is the first gypsy case that has ever got to Strasbourg. It would have been lovely to win, but the court has unanimously said it will consider each case on its

merits. This is the beginning of the court getting to grips with the problems gypsies face."

Mrs Buckley, 32, bought her land in Willington, south Cambridgeshire, for £2,500 in 1988 and moved on to it five years ago. She was refused planning permission for her caravan because the council believed it would detract from the rural landscape.

She complained to the court in February 1992 under the European Convention on Human Rights' article granting everyone respect for their family life and home without public interference, except where interference was "necessary in a democratic society".

In yesterday's majority ruling, the court said it had weighed her

interest against the general interest of conforming to planning policy. It found "proper regard had been had to the applicant's predicament".

But campaigners believe any future appeals might succeed as life has become more difficult for gypsies since the 1994 Criminal Justice Act made it illegal to park on roads or wasteland.

Mrs Buckley, who has three children but is separated, grew up travelling around Cambridgeshire with her family.

She said she was "very close to having a nervous breakdown" and the ruling would anger British gypsies. "We do want to be treated better than anyone else, we just want to be treated the same."

Kathleen Crandall, South



Fighting all the way: June Buckley yesterday in her caravan, which will have to be moved  
Photograph: Peter Macdiarmid

### A people apart

■ Gypsies used to be thought of as originating in Egypt, hence the name; but they are now believed to be of North-Indian origin, among in England at about the turn of the 16th Century.

■ A law was passed expelling gypsies from England in 1531, and Scotland in 1541. Henry VIII further decreed that anyone meeting a gypsy could beat them with a clear conscience. His daughter Elizabeth later passed a law saying they could legally be sold and treated as slaves.

■ Supposed fear of spying led to a law in 1599 which made it illegal for any gypsy caravan to be stored within 10 miles of coastline.

■ Around half a million European gypsies were killed by the Nazis before and during the Second World War.

■ The number of gypsies (defined by the National Gypsy Council as "persons of nomadic tradition") in the UK today is estimated as 50,000; the number of gypsy caravans is thought to be around 14,000.

Ben Summers

Cambridgeshire's legal and housing director, said the rules would be enforced. The council had granted more planning permissions to travellers on their own land - nearly 180 spaces - than any local authority.

Robert Jones, planning minister, said the Government would consider the judgment but saw no need for changes to UK planning practice. "The court has recognised the common sense of the UK position."

Hughie Smith, National Gypsy Council president, said: "I'm concerned at the decision, it may give credence to local authorities who turn down planning applications by gypsies on the weakest of excuses." There were 14,000 caravans in Britain, excluding New Age travellers.

## Gang boy 'admitted' Lawrence stabbing'

CHARLIE BAIN

A teenage boy yesterday described to an Old Bailey jury how the 15-year-old leader of a Triad-style gang turned to his friends and confessed to stabbing headmaster Philip Lawrence moments after the fatal assault.

The 16-year-old witness - who cannot be named for legal reasons - described events leading up to the father-of-four's death and told how he was invited to join the gang on the day Mr Lawrence was murdered.

The youth told the court how he had met 11 other boys at Burger King in Euston station where they planned to descend on St George's Roman Catholic School in Maida Vale to beat up another boy.

"One of the boys said it was going to be a laugh," the witness

told the jury. He said he had met the defendant, who was the self-appointed leader of the gang, three or four times before. He didn't know the name of the gang "but other people called them Triads", he said.

He described how they rounded up more gang members from King's Cross station and returned to Euston where the defendant organised them into three groups.

"We were to back up the other two groups," he said, "the first was going to fight, the second group was to help them and then if people came and jumped in, then my group were to go in."

The gang took a tube train to Maida Vale where they split up into their prearranged groups and marched on St George's, with the defendant leading the way.

It was at this point that a fight broke out, the witness said. "There was lots of shouting behind me from the direction of the school gates ... I turned around and I saw a large group of people and a pole being raised in the air and brought down ... twice."

The witness told the jury how the gang ran away from the school in disarray, regrouping in a nearby street. Moments later, the defendant joined them "looking worried".

"He said he'd made a mistake and that he'd stabbed a teacher," said the witness.

The 16-year-old defendant denies the charge of murder and two further charges of conspiracy to cause grievous bodily harm and wounding with intent.

A co-defendant, also aged 15, denies the latter two charges. The trial continues today.

## Police chiefs attacked for opposing Howard reform

JASON BENNETTO  
Crime Correspondent

The head of a senior police association yesterday attacked what he described as "young" and "so-called progressive" chief constables for opposing Home Office proposals for tough new sentencing regimes.

At the same time, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, conceded that his plans for a crack down on repeat offenders may fail to become law

before the general election if opposed in Parliament. His proposals cover minimum sentences for repeat burglars and drug dealers, and automatic life sentences for second-time sex and violent offenders.

The accusation of attitudes being too liberal came from Chief Superintendent Brian Mackenzie, president of the Police Superintendents' Association of England and Wales, speaking at its annual conference in Stratford-upon-Avon.

He had heard of university-educated chief constables opposing Mr Howard's key planks, but said it was "in the national interest" for them to go through.

Mr Howard, speaking at the conference, stressed that the proposals should pass to the statute book.

However, they have already prompted stern opposition from the judiciary, including the previous Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor. In May, Lord Taylor said: "Never in the history of criminal law have such far-reaching proposals been put forward on the strength of such flimsy and dubious evidence."

The judiciary believes minimum sentences would limit their discretion in fitting punishment to cases. The measures would also increase the prison population.

Jack Straw, the shadow Home Secretary, says Labour will oppose any plans for the removal of judicial discretion.

New legislation to outlaw

stalking could be on the statute book before the next general election, the Home Secretary said yesterday.

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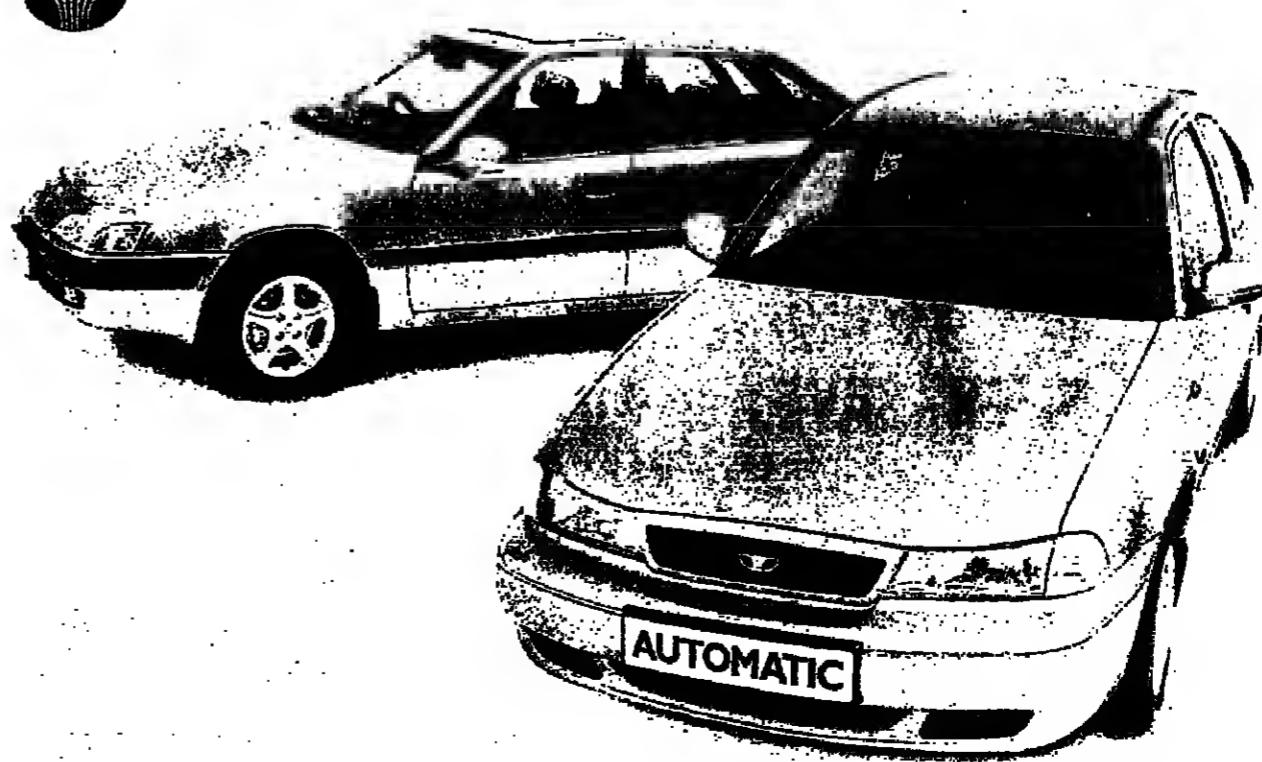
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# £350m for NHS from perks purge

ANTHONY BEVINS

Political Editor

The Liberal Democrats would close a tax loophole which feeds City "cats", to raise an extra £350m a year for the National Health Service, the party's spokesman Simon Hughes pledged yesterday.

Mr Hughes told the Liberal Democrats' conference in Brighton that the party would make good its long-standing promise to close the loophole through which employers avoid paying National Insurance contributions on perk payments.

Of the £350m raised by the move, he said, £200m would be spent on recruiting and retaining much-needed staff, and the remaining £150m would be used to bring down to six months the maximum waiting time between hospital diagnosis and treatment.

The loophole, Mr Hughes said, allowed some of the "cats", of whatever size, in the City and elsewhere to receive huge sums from tax-dodging employers "who should know better".

"Millions of pounds have been paid in gold bars, life policies, expensive wines and other valuables to avoid paying tax to the Exchequer. Responsible firms shouldn't spend their time thinking up tax wheezes, and we wouldn't let them. We'd close this illogical loophole for good," he said.

Unfortunately, the Inland Revenue later pointed out that parts of the loophole had already been closed, including those relating to gold bars.

Nevertheless, and with few believing that Mr Hughes would be in a position as the Secretary of State for Health, to deliver either the money or his promise, he said that the money raised from such a move over the remaining six months of the financial year would be enough to fund the current year's £1.78m NHS deficit. "With this



This won't hurt a bit: Alan Beith, the deputy leader of the Liberal Democrats, takes to the dentist's chair as his party debates the health of nation at its conference in Brighton yesterday.

Photograph: Tom Plston

## Local choice on new grammar schools

FRAN ABRAMS

Councils should be allowed to open new grammar schools, the Liberal Democrats agreed yesterday. Delegates passed a motion which would leave decisions on the future of selective schools to local communities.

Some had argued that while authorities should be able to decide on the future of existing grammars, they should

not be free to discuss the possibility of new ones.

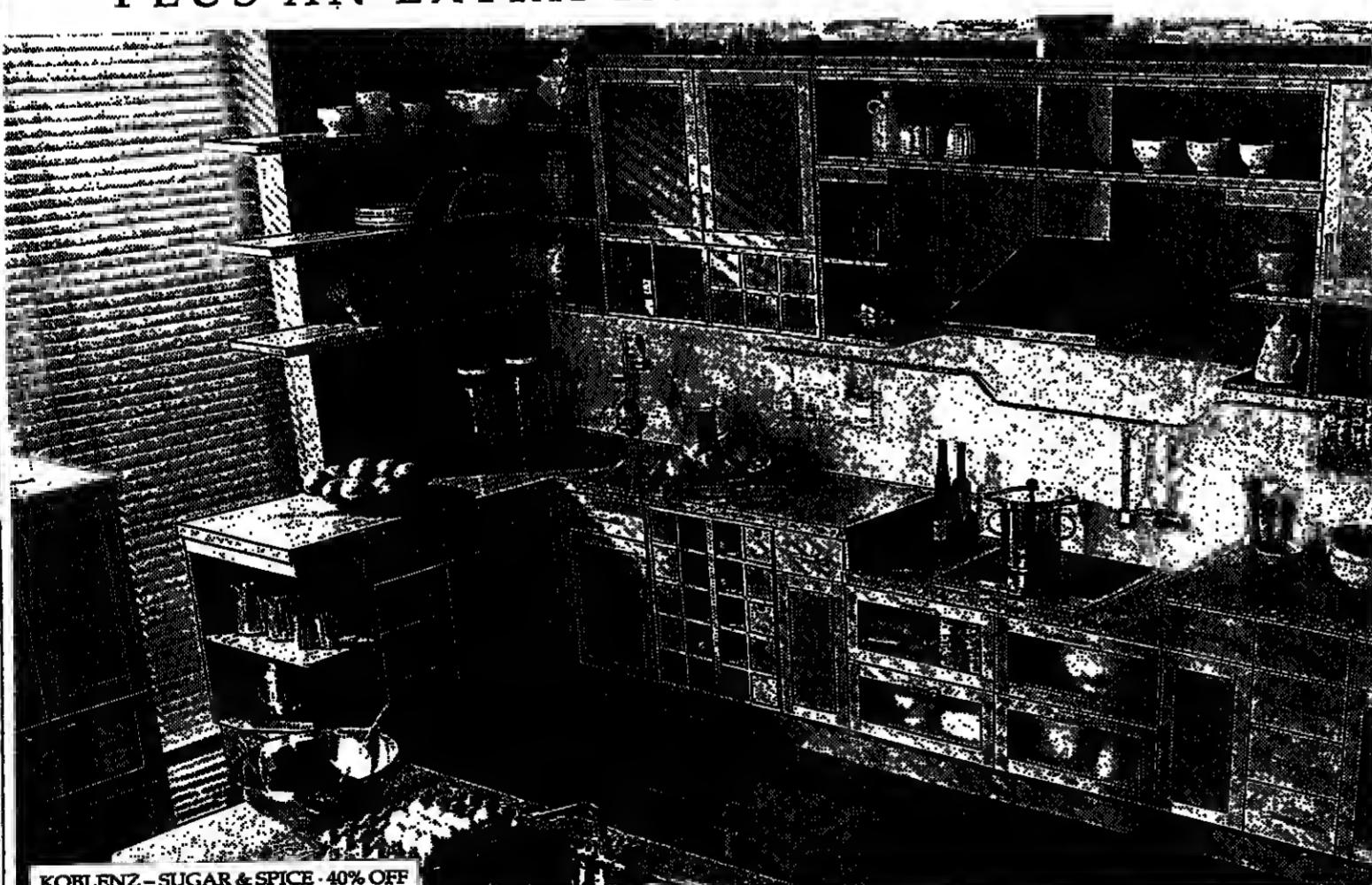
The party remains opposed to wholesale plans for a grammar school in every town, which has been proposed by the Government. Its policy is in line with that of Labour, which would allow parents to vote on whether selection should continue where it already exists.

Delegates voted 308-299 for

his view but several speakers opposed it. Stephanie Bailey, from Yeovil, Somerset, the constituency of Paddy Ashdown, the party leader, said Liberal Democrats should stand up for what they believed in. "This debate is about the reintroduction of grammar schools, a recipe for social division. We will not sanction a return to the past, in which young children are told they are failures at age 11."

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# Self-assessment causes chaos at Inland Revenue

BARRIE CLEMENT  
Labour Editor

Confidential papers reveal that with less than six weeks to go before the introduction of self-assessment of tax the Inland Revenue faces a massive backlog of work, with staff in open rebellion over a proposed agreement to deal with the new system.

Internal figures show the department has already received 500,000 more letters than last year and 1 million more telephone inquiries in the run-up to launch day on 4 November. Post unanswered for more than a month has increased by more than 200,000 items. A £200m computer system has been unable to cope with test-runs for what ministers insist will be a simplified process.

As the Revenue attempts to deal with a huge increase in workload, staff has been cut by up to 1,000 over the past year and another 2,000 are set to go in the next 12 months. Some 75 rural tax offices are to close.

The looming crisis could mean complete chaos, with the PTC, the biggest Whitehall union, considering industrial action over a pay deal worth nearly twice the inflation rate, but tied to an agreement to work longer when necessary to cope with self-assessment.

Despite a recommendation

by the union's national executive, employees have rejected the 4.4-per-cent package by an unprecedented two to one. Only once before has a deal endorsed by the union been rejected by tax officers and then only by a wafer-thin majority.

Senior Revenue officials admit the department is facing an avalanche of extra work. An extra 9 million phone calls are expected next year after tax returns are sent out in April and an additional 300,000 visits by taxpayers to Revenue offices.

Jim McAuslan, deputy general secretary of the PTC, said the Inland Revenue had spent £25m on advertisements to persuade taxpayers to be ready for self-assessment by keeping their own records.

"The truth of the matter however is that the Revenue itself is far from ready for self-assessment."

He said his members were "frustrated and angry" over the pressure of work and knew the burden was bound to get heavier.

Ministers said they expected the new method to be introduced on time but staff believe colleagues will be moved from other departments, including those chasing unpaid tax, to ensure the deadline is met. While ministers argued that self-assessment would make the lives of taxpayers easier, Mr McAuslan pointed out that an explanatory leaflet to be sent out

with returns is 40 pages long. The Revenue's most experienced staff had left during the past year and they were the people needed to smooth over the transition to the new system. One of the local tax offices due to close is in John Major's Huntingdon constituency, Mr McAuslan said.

A Revenue spokeswoman said managers always expected an increased workload because of self-assessment but it would be a "one-off" as the new system was introduced. "There may be some temporary reduction in customer service in particular turnaround times" but officials were monitoring the situation and trying to minimise delays, she said.

Light of the World restores grand illumination to St Paul's



Victorian icon: An employee of Christie's gazes up at the newly restored Light of the World, painted by William Holman Hunt between 1901 and 1904. The masterpiece, which took seven months to clean, is one of the most celebrated religious works ever executed. Photograph: Andrew Buurman

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## Court martial abused rights

Significant changes in the way court martial are conducted in Britain will not end the unfairness of the system, judges at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg were told yesterday.

Revised procedures aimed at reinforcing the independence of the military courts come into force on April. But that will be too late to help Falklands' veteran Alexander Findlay, said John Mackenzie, his lawyer.

Mr Findlay, 35, suffered Post Traumatic Stress Disorder after the battle of Tumbledown in 1982 - but that was overlooked when he was court martialled in 1991 for taking Army colleagues hostage at gunpoint in Northern Ireland. The former Scots Guardsman, who lives in Windsor, Berkshire, is still so traumatised he could not attend yesterday's session. But he accused the Government of breaching his human rights because of the conduct of his court martial.

Mr Mackenzie said that Mr Findlay had been denied a fair hearing before an independent and impartial tribunal, as guaranteed by the Human Rights Convention to which Britain is a signatory. He urged the judges in Strasbourg to find the Government in violation of the convention and to award substantial compensation.



Findlay: Suffering trauma

The case is just the first in a series of attempts by Army and RAF personnel who have faced a court martial to have the system scrapped as a breach of human rights. If the judges back Mr Findlay, the Ministry of Defence could face dozens of claims and a bill for millions of pounds, even though changes already have Royal Assent.

Mr Findlay pleaded guilty at his court martial to offences committed after a heavy drinking session and was jailed for two years. Mr Mackenzie told the human rights judges that the current court martial procedure could not be deemed a properly constituted court with appropriately trained officials having legal qualifications or experience. The verdict will be delivered next year.

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# Architects on a roll at the coast

JONATHAN GLANCEY

Architectural awards are normally given to dignified, workable, elegant and even beautiful buildings.

No one would expect a roller-coaster on a north England pleasure beach to merit equal status with handsome churches and smart university extensions, but this year's Riba Awards for Architecture are a little different.

Among the 51 award-winners chosen by judges up and down the country on behalf of the Royal Institute of British Architects is a "station for the Pepsi-Max Big One, Blackpool Pleasure Beach" designed by Philip England. "This building," said the jury, "is seriously fun, a contrast with most of its frosty poly-Western neighbours. It makes a fine contribution to Blackpool as it arrives at the centenary of its Pleasure Beach."

England's station is somewhat different from its Inter-City counterparts. Its function is to "handle" the vertical transfer and storage of six trains, provide maintenance, workshops, and to load and unload passengers safely. It is designed for a maximum flow of 1,700 passengers per hour, and the loading section can hold 150 passengers at a time.

Passengers at this award-winning station are taken for a scream-a-second ride on the world's tallest, fastest roller-coaster

high and 85 mph). England's design, said the judges, was thoughtful because it offered "a surprisingly calm space to contain the snaking queue of aspirants and quaking bodies of descendants".

Given Britain's ascent or descent, depending upon your point of view, over the past 15 years into a burger-chomping, Coke and Pepsi-willing, baseball-cap-wearing, gum-chewing shopping-mall society in which leisure has become the prime social goal, it seems only appropriate that a roller-coaster station on

awards yesterday. The list suggests that a healthy number of civic buildings have been designed to high enough standards to win recognition from the Riba, yet Mr Luder said he was disappointed so few came from that sector. "I hope this is something that the National Lottery can rectify."

The National Lottery is itself something of a roller-coaster and, to date, there is hardly one major all-new building of any architectural merit being funded by Millennium sources.

This may well be because the new-style British Leisure plc (formerly Great Britain) is much more interested in providing fun (for which read bread and circuses) for its customers (citizens was the boring old word) than creating architecture and civic spaces of lasting value.

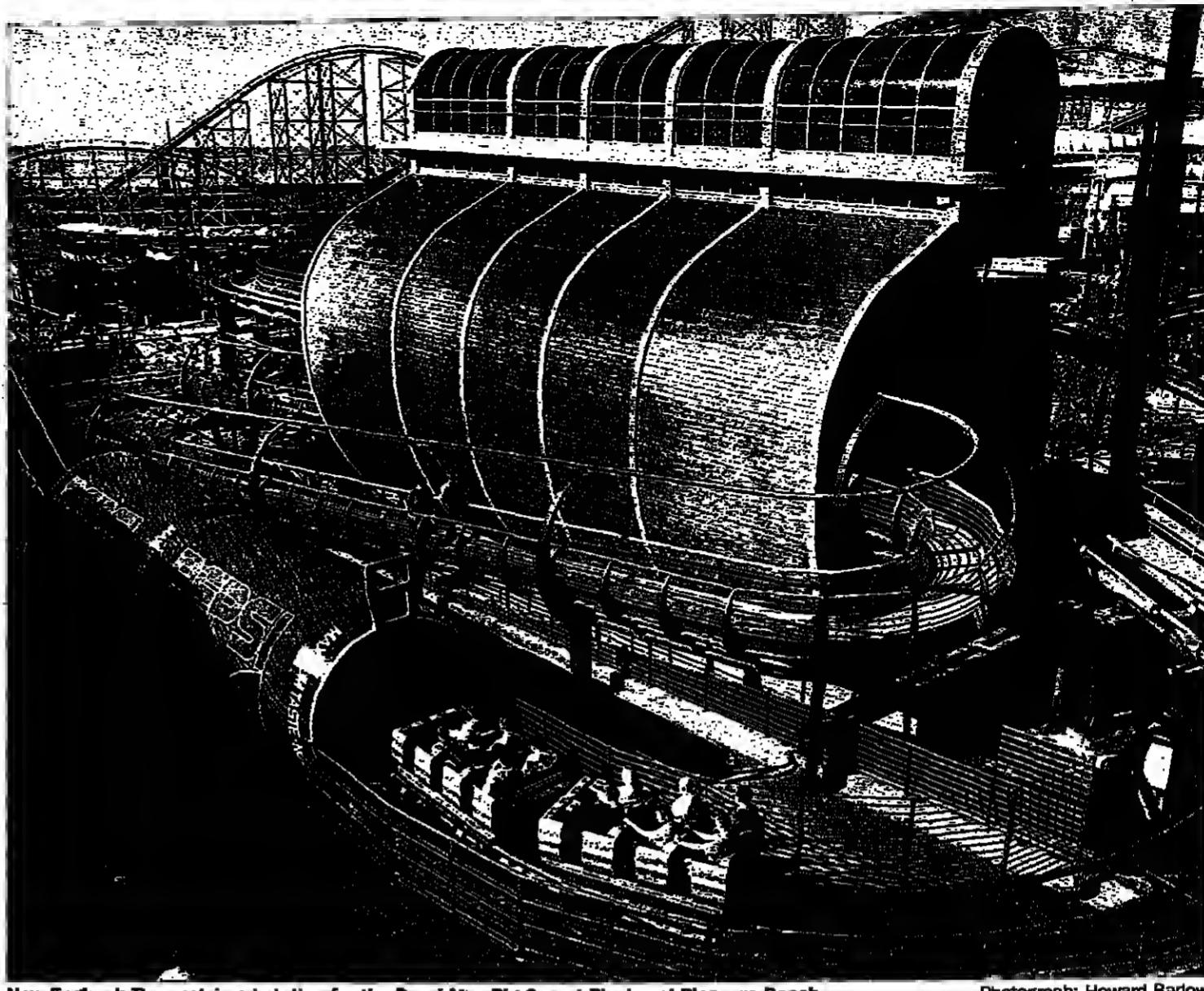
Nevertheless, among the other 50 award-winners are a number of fine buildings that bear out Mr Luder's belief that British architecture is enjoying something of a renaissance.

Among these is one mainline railway station, Ashford International, which was designed by Nick Derbyshire Design Associates, a civic design that represents the cultural link between Britain and Europe as opposed to the transatlantic leisure line between Britain and the United States so neatly laid by Philip England's Pepsi Max Big One station Blackpool.

Blackpool Pleasure Beach should win an award that 20 years ago would have gone to a school or hospital.

Announcing the awards today, Owen Luder, the Riba president, said: "There are more Riba awards than ever before, which suggests that we are currently witnessing the rise of an exceptional generation of architects." Among the most talented of the younger generation of architects are Troughton McAslan and Morrison, both of whom won

the award for the world's tallest, fastest roller-coaster (235 ft)



New England: The acclaimed station for the Pepsi-Max Big One at Blackpool Pleasure Beach

Photograph: Howard Barlow



John Ware: Feared that BBC standards were declining

## He deplored her standards. She was hurt and shocked. Now it's civil war at the BBC

MICHAEL STREETER

Civil war has broken out in the BBC over Esther Rantzen and her public row with the *Panorama* reporter, John Ware, about journalistic standards.

Senior staff are dismayed that publicity surrounding the dispute is, in the words of one source, "getting completely out of hand... There is a civil war and it's one in which some cannons are being fired underground. Some of the things going on — memos leaked to the press, high-profile interviews and colleagues questioning people about their private life — are way over the top. The tragedy is that the important issues have been lost."

The initial dispute started over a newspaper article by Mr Ware attacking an edition of *The Rantzen Report* which had criticised the lack of care in the British Home and Hospital for Incurables in south London.

It focused on one patient, Ian Parker, and with the use of a hidden camera purported to show that he was left in a room to vegetate rather than being taken outside for stimulation.

Mr Ware said the programme failed to prove this central allegation and accused it of "sloppy and misleading" reporting and of having the "potential for seriously damaging the BBC's reputation for fair-minded journalism".

Ms Rantzen was "hurt and shocked" by the attack, which amounted to a "perversion of the truth, a twisting of the facts". In *The Independent* she said: "I have been described... as a tabloid journalist. If this means I make popular, accessible, programmes, it is a label I am proud to wear."

The BBC's director-general, John Birt, ordered an inquiry into the television episode and the article and a separate investigation into an allegation that Mr Ware had deliberately misled a witness while compiling his article, which he denies.

Battle lines have been drawn between those in the features department, who produce *The Rantzen Report*, and news and current affairs. A

news source said: "What John Ware said about journalistic standards and the fear of television distorting reality needed to be said."

Some sources believe there has been an attempt to avoid journalistic arguments and concentrate on "irrelevant" details, including Mr Ware's private life. Parts of a memo outlining the presenter's arguments were leaked to a newspaper, a leak publicly disowned by Ms Rantzen. The memo contains a claim by Ms Rantzen that Mr Ware failed to disclose a personal interest in his report, namely his friendship with a woman reporter whose mother

works at the south London home. *The Independent* has also discovered that in the last of a series of memos, Ms Rantzen personally demanded from Mr Ware confirmation of the friendship by 2.30pm. It is claimed that within an hour of the "deadline" on 30 August, tabloid journalists rang a future boss of the woman reporter, asking about the relationship.

The next day, an interview with Ms Rantzen appeared in the same paper in which she said: "I think [Mr Ware] is motivated by a profound dislike of me and my work." Mr Ware, who refused to answer her questions, is believed to have told BBC bosses he wrote the article because of concern about journalistic standards and was not motivated by the friendship.



Esther Rantzen: 'Hurt and shocked' by reporter's article

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# Rhodes to nowhere: BBC's epic tale flops

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Media Correspondent

The BBC's major drama serial *Rhodes* is in danger of becoming a flop as colossal as its hero's exploits.

Viewing figures reveal that the £10m epic on the British empire-builder Cecil Rhodes is fighting for an audience. Only 4.8m watched the second episode on Sunday, down from 7.6m for the opening instalment.

The nine-hour series, starring Martin Shaw as the Victorian tycoon who became the wealthiest man in the Western world by the age of 30, is one of the BBC's boldest gambles.

A high-powered publicity campaign touted one of the most expensive British productions of all time. It took a decade to make, cost more than £1m per screen hour and employed 10,000 extras.

But the makers failed to make the programme truly accessible. Viewers complain of a difficult plot, centring on a man whose dream of extending the Empire from the Cape to Cairo left a million square miles



Empire line: (left to right) Ken Stott as Barney Barnato and Martin Shaw as Rhodes in the BBC production. Photograph: Umberto Adagio/BBC; and (right) the real Cecil Rhodes

of Africa coloured pink, and who inspired a country almost the size of Europe – Rhodesia – to be named after him.

Part of the problem is that the series assumes prior knowledge. And such are the intricacies

that the BBC has issued a 32-page explanatory booklet which it advertises at the end of each episode. But the £4.95 guide from the BBC Education Information Unit will not be available for another fortnight – by which time the series will be half over.

By then it may be too late, as the rival London's *Burning* continues to lure viewers. And word-of-mouth, not to mention the critics, condemns the series.

It will be deeply embarrassing for the BBC if it fails to recoup its investment (with WGBH of the US, CBC of Canada and SABC of South Africa) through overseas sales. BBC Worldwide Television,

however, remains bullish. "It's obviously very disappointing about the ratings but it doesn't really affect international sales. Overseas broadcasters... tend not to go on what critics say here," a spokeswoman said.

"A lot of programmes which haven't gone as well as we hoped... have sold quite successfully internationally."

A drama spokesman was also quick to defend BBC1's bold epic. "It's not regarded as a flop

## Roasted by the critics

*Rhodes*, the epic story, started with everything against it and then they made it all worse – A A Gill, *Sunday Times*

The BBC's *Rhodes* is a man who cannot take a leak without the assistance of the Berlin Philharmonic – David Aaronovitch, *Independent on Sunday*

It was very odd – Lynne Truss, *The Times*

In nine tendentious hours, *Rhodes* is to be presented as a corrupt and greedy money-grabber, a racist and paedophile, whose disgusting passion was to get his hands on young boys... the BBC has spent £10m of our money putting together a farago of exaggerations and smears about this great man – Paul Johnson, *Daily Mail*

by the BBC. Frankly, if it were, we'd hold up our hands and say we got it wrong," he said.

Sales are thought to be approaching £2m so far, and *Rhodes* will be shown to buyers in Cannes next week.

## SCREEN WATCH

Film stars will see their make-up artists in a different light following the opening of a new exhibition in November. Tom Smith began his caricatures of Jack Nicholson (pictured below), Ingrid Bergman, Sean Connery, Bing Crosby and Laurence Olivier to while away gaps between takes, but his sketches have become a collection of the cream of Hollywood. Smith has worked for most of the major US studios, starting on David Lean's 1948 film, *Oliver Twist*. In 1992, he won a BAFTA special award for his work as a make-up artist; now he is using a more conventional

medium, with an exhibition at the Museum of the Moving Image, South Bank, London, from 1 November.

The same day, film buffs can look forward to the London premiere of a biography of Lloyd George, albeit 78 years after its makers intended. *The Life Story of David Lloyd George* was made with the then prime minister's blessing but was suppressed before its release.

No one has ever fathomed the reason for its disappearance, but the negatives were found among Lloyd George's belongings in his house in Wales. The biopic, starring Norman Page as Lloyd George, will be screened at the National Film Theatre as part of a British Film Institute celebration of the work of film archives.

The first London International Women's Film Festival opens at the Everyman cinema in Hampstead, north London, next month. It will include screenings of more than 120 films and will run from 5 to 18 October.

MARIANNE MACDONALD

## DAILY POEM

**Securing Shadows**  
By Robin Robertson

*The photographic light eats the plate  
to make the moment hold,  
but the subject has grown older  
while the print is being made,  
and is older still  
when the paper finally dries.*

*All eyes have cataracts  
from the blur of blinking,  
all faces deathmarks rising  
from their twin like wraths.  
We have caught the memento mori,  
the injuries of time, and coloured them  
bruise-blue and sanguine. Lovers  
exposed by corpse-light.*

This poem by Robin Robertson forms part of an extended verse sequence, *Camera Obscura*, about the life of the pioneering photographer David Octavius Hill (1802-70). Hill was a Scottish landscape painter who – moved to record the faces of 474 disident clerics at the time of the secession of the Free Church from the Church of Scotland in 1843 so that he might paint them – turned to Fox Talbot's new technique, the calotype. *Camera Obscura* is too a portrait of the family tragedies that shaped Hill's life, of his artistic triumphs and failures, and of the city of Edinburgh itself in the era that followed the Enlightenment.

*Camera Obscura* is published in a limited edition of 200 (£10) from Colophon Press, 18a Prinzipal Road, London SW16 1QD. Robin Robertson reads at the Poetry Society, 22 Berner Street, London WC2 at 6.30pm on Monday 30 September.

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## Turks' offensive against Kurds alarms EU

TONY BARBER

Europe Editor

Eighteen leaders of Turkey's only legal Kurdish political party went on trial in Ankara yesterday as thousands of Turkish troops continued an offensive against Kurdish rebels in the violence-ridden south-east.

A state prosecutor told the court that the People's Democracy Party (Hddep) was a front for the banned Kurdish Workers Party (PKK), the rebel

group fighting the armed forces in the south-east. The Kurdish politicians are accused of "leadership of an armed gang" and face up to 22 years in prison if convicted. Another 23 lower-ranking party members face maximum sentences of 15 years.

The trial has attracted the attention of European politicians and pressure groups who accuse the Turkish authorities of failing to honour repeated promises to clean up their human rights record. The European Parliament to reject customs union.

ment, which only reluctantly approved a European Union customs union with Turkey last year, threatened last week to block EU aid for Turkey unless it improved its performance.

Kurdish politicians formed Hddep in 1994 after Turkey's constitutional court banned another party for alleged separation. Six Kurdish members of parliament were later imprisoned in a case that almost caused the European Parliament

to coincide with a major anti-Kurdish military operation in the eastern province of Tunceli, where about 20,000 troops backed by bomber aircraft, helicopter gunships and tanks have attacked rebel positions. The mountainous region was visited this week by Turkey's chief of staff, Ismail Hakkı Karadayı, who claimed that 1,000 rebels had been killed in the south-east since 15 August.

Whatever the age of the terrorist hiding in the mountains, we have reduced his life expectancy," the general said. About 20,000 people are believed to have died during the 12-year war in the south-east, where the PKK is fighting for Kurdish autonomy.

In another sign of the tensions surrounding the Kurdish issue, at least nine prisoners, mostly PKK members, died last Tuesday during a riot at a jail in the south-eastern city of Diyarbakır. The riot broke out after prisoners protested that the

government had not improved jail conditions, as it promised to do after a nationwide hunger strike that ended last July with 12 inmates starved to death.

Violence flared when inmates at the Diyarbakır prison refused to let the authorities transfer 14 fellow-prisoners to another jail. Prison officials have often dispersed inmates or placed them in single cells as a way of breaking up tight-knit, politically extreme groups that would find it easy to take control of the large, sprawling wards in Turkish prisons.

Kurdish problems have intensified at a sensitive time for the Prime Minister, Necmettin Erbakan, Turkey's first Islamist leader since the fall of the Ottoman Empire. He is attempting to balance traditional closeness to the West with new alliances with Islamic and other non-Western countries.

Yet Mr Erbakan started the United States' Turkey's mainly, by making Iran the destination of his first foreign trip. He may have upset the US even more by announcing that next week he intends to visit Libya and Nigeria, both out of favour with Western governments.

Meanwhile, Mrs Foreign Minister, Tansu Ciller, shocked the US last weekend by suggesting Turkey would be happy to see President Saddam Hussein take control of northern Iraq. Mrs Ciller's remarks were at sharp odds with US policy, and she quickly withdrew them.

## German castration lobby grows louder

IMRE KARACS

Bonn

As the seven-year-old Bavarian girl murdered by a known child molester was buried in her village yesterday, the German parliament was set to rush through draconian laws against sex offenders.

"The great pain renders us speechless and stunned," said Bishop Rudolf Schmid in his requiem Mass in the village of Epfach, where the body of Natalie Astner was discovered on Sunday. In front of the altar, decorated with white carnations, stood a smiling picture of Natalie. Most of the 500 members of the Catholic community attended the service, and most of Germany appeared to be with them in spirit.

The politicians, however, have been anything but speechless. The government of Bavaria is to submit proposals to the Bonn parliament today calling for longer prison terms for child molesters and compulsory chemical castration.

The law would raise the maximum term for rape to 15 years from the current 10, and legalise preventive detention for offenders deemed dangerous to the community.

Some liberals have criticised the conservative Bavarians' knee-jerk reaction, but in the wake of outrage sweeping Germany their voices are drowned out by louder chorus of indignation. Primed by the events in Belgium in recent weeks, the German public is baying for blood.

Natalie's alleged killer, an electrician named Armin Schreiner, 27, is said to have confessed to abducting and killing her, although he denies sexual abuse. Police said that Mr Schreiner, who knew Natalie's father, kidnapped the girl less than 100 yards from her home as she was going to school on Friday morning. He drove her to a country road, stripped her and sexually abused her.

Police said that according to his own version, Natalie begged for mercy, and promised not to reveal her secret to anyone. But he wanted to take no chances. He smashed Natalie's head against a tree and tossed her unconscious body into the river Lach. An hour after her disappearance, she was dead.

Mr Schreiner would still be in jail for the sexual abuse of children had he not been released early last year for good behaviour from a five-and-a-half year sentence.

Following Natalie's death, Germans are inclined to argue that the other 95 per cent should be locked up for good.

year sentence. Although the judicial authorities stand by their decision to free him, the laws on parole are certain to be tightened up.

The Bavarian call for castration, however, is facing a tougher ride in the federal assembly. The neutering lobby wants offenders to be injected with the drug Androcur, which counteracts the actions of male hormones produced in the brain. The "cure" is already available on a voluntary basis, with mixed results. "Chemical castration can be a help on an individual basis, but it makes no sense without additional psychotherapy," the psychiatrist Freidmann Pfäfflin said. There appear to be not enough psychiatrists in Germany to deal with all the offenders at once.

The biggest problem with chemical castration is that even if it succeeds in dampening a rapist's sex drive, the treatment would not affect his violent urges. Experts point out that, however perverse it may sound, only about 5 per cent of sexual offences are sexually motivated.

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The new book is called *Artusi 2000*, and is written by two dieticians, Giuseppe Sangiorgi and Annamaria Todi, who with a relentless lack of humour have been through the master's recipes one by one, criticising them for their excessive richness, fat imbalances and high cholesterol content.

Each dish is broken down into food groups and calorie counts, or, in the authors' own phrase, into "dietetic-nutritional data". Charts show how quickly you can expect to keel over from cardiac arrest after munching your way through the more extravagant menus. The authors have taken it upon themselves to censor certain ingredients ("We don't advise you to add the pork crackling, and in fact we haven't included it in our breakdowns"). Readers are urged to skim the fat off the top of stocks and stews, and reminded that thrushes and other small birds Artusi delights in are protected species.

Have the authors missed the point? Yes. But is this a sign of the times? Regrettably, it must be. For years, Italy escaped the diet obsessions of other Western countries, largely because its traditional peasant cuisine, based on olive oil, plentiful fresh fruit and vegetables and only moderate quantities of meat, was fundamentally healthy. There are few obese men around and, despite the stereotypical image of the fat woman, even fewer obese women.

The gamin look, so beloved of Paris catwalks and women's magazines in Britain and the United States, has never been popular in Italy; the ideal Italian woman has always been well-endowed up top and a little plump around the edges. Sophia Loren, even at 60, is still a potent sex symbol.

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## Gastronomic Garibaldi succumbs to fashion for dietary correctness

Rome — In 1891, a cranky old gentleman from Florence called Pellegrino Artusi published what was to become the bible of Italian cuisine, a collection of nearly 800 recipes entitled *The Science of Cooking and The Art of Eating Well*. It became an overnight success, winning Artusi the admiration of countless housewives who wrote to him in adoring tones, and turning him into a national figurehead, the Italian equivalent of Brillat-Savarin, Escoffier and Mrs Beeton all rolled into one.

These days, Artusi is looked upon as a kind of gastronomic Garibaldi, a man who brought together the disparate culinary traditions of the Italian regions

in the name of national unity. He is still read voraciously, not so much for his recipes as for his style, which displays a canny knack for story-telling in the tradition of the Arabian Nights. A tale about a homesick medical student from Romagna unfolds into a sumptuous recipe for cappelletti in brodo; his rendering of minestrone recalls a cholera epidemic in Livorno that claimed the life of the owner of a favourite restaurant.

Artusi is outrageous, demanding hours of hard manual labour to prepare dishes loaded down with lard, ox mar-

row and pig's trotters. A 70-year-old bachelor, Artusi was wonderfully reactionary, dismissing the sensitive constitutions of his lady correspondents as symptoms of nervous hypochondria.

Of course, no modern Italian household seriously tries to emulate his diet; instead, his book is treated as a much-loved piece of history (it is the volume most frequently stolen from public libraries).

So it was with a certain amount of scepticism a few days ago that I tore off the plastic wrapping from a new volume

presented to me, somewhat incongruously, as a free gift thrown in with an oil change at a service station on the Bologna-Ancona motorway. The new book is called *Artusi 2000*, and is written by two dieticians, Giuseppe Sangiorgi and Annamaria Todi, who with a relentless lack of humour have been through the master's recipes one by one, criticising them for their excessive richness, fat imbalances and high cholesterol content.

Each dish is broken down into food groups and calorie counts, or, in the authors'

own phrase, into "dietetic-nutritional data". Charts show how quickly you can expect to keel over from cardiac arrest after munching your way through the more extravagant menus. The authors have taken it upon themselves to censor certain ingredients ("We don't advise you to add the pork crackling, and in fact we haven't included it in our breakdowns"). Readers are urged to skim the fat off the top of stocks and stews, and reminded that thrushes and other small birds Artusi delights in are protected species.

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Inquiry begins into guns for cocaine allegation

# Black rage over CIA drug scam

RUPERT CORNWELL  
Washington

The CIA is again on the defensive. America's politicians are uneasy, and the country's black community is in uproar over allegations that the intelligence agency was involved in a cocaine-trafficking scheme in Los Angeles in the 1980s, to help finance the CIA-supported Contra rebels in Nicaragua.

The thrust of the charges is not new, but the sheer detail and documentation contained in a ground-breaking exposé by the *San Jose Mercury News* last month are. Bombed by demands from black leaders and senior California politicians, the CIA and the Justice Department have been forced to begin investigations into an affair which, if confirmed, would saddle the agency with at least partial responsibility for starting the crack cocaine epidemic which ravages ghetto America to this day.

According to the *Mercury News*, two Nicaraguan cocaine dealers, Daniel Blandon and Norwin Meneses, with the help of CIA agents, smuggled large quantities of cocaine into the US, much of which was sold to a Los Angeles crack dealer called "Freeway" Rick Ross,

who distributed it to street gangs like the Crips and Bloods.

Proceeds are said to have been used to finance Nicaragua's right-wing Contra movement, which was strongly supported by the Reagan/Bush administration in an attempt to unseat the Sandinista leadership.

Officially the charges have been categorically denied, and John Deutch, the CIA director, says an internal probe several years ago cleared his agency of involvement. But the *Mercury News* claims local investigations into the LA drug ring were impeded by other federal agencies, and this week a former DEA official declared he had evidence that the Contras were indeed smuggling cocaine to finance arms purchases.

The official, Celino Castillo, says he told the DEA of Contra drug flights in 1985 and 1986, but was informed by superiors that the flights were approved by the White House.

Black leaders have reacted with bitterness and outrage. A string of protest rallies led on Monday to the arrest of the head of the predominantly black Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the entertainer Dick Gregory for staging an illegal demonstration outside DEA headquarters.

Most striking, though, has been the sense of victimisation that the reports have fuelled throughout black America, and the new lease of life for conspiracy theories – heavily promulgated on the Internet – that crack was introduced as part of deliberate attack on poor inner-city neighbourhoods, carried out by a white government. Such suspicions have been around for years; the evidence accumulated by the *Mercury News* makes them even harder to disbelieve entirely.

Even if they are ultimately shown to be unfounded, the short-term political ramifications could affect the election. Ostensibly, the loser is Bob Dole, who has sought to revive his *floundering candidacy* by pointing to a surge in teenage drug use since President Bill Clinton took office. Now he must cope with claims that a Republican administration was actually involved in drug-dealing.

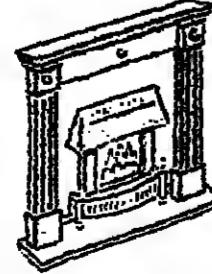
But Mr Clinton has little reason to gloat. The allegations have much in common with the saga of the Mena air base in western Arkansas, through which, if Mr Clinton's foes are to be believed, the CIA and the Contras smuggled drugs into the US with the connivance of the state's then governor.



Mother Teresa is transported yesterday from Woodlands Nursing home in Calcutta, where she was admitted after a fall, to Bellevue Clinic for further tests. Photograph: AFP



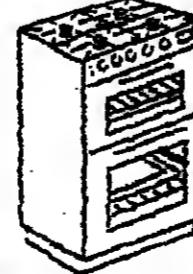
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### 10 die in air crash off Netherlands

At least 10 people were killed when a Dakota aircraft crashed into the North Sea yesterday. The coastguard said a DC-3 propeller-powered Dakota aircraft carrying 35 passengers had crashed into the North Sea 15 km (10 miles) north-east of the northern Dutch town of Den Helder.

Reuter - Amsterdam

### South Korean 'spied on US'

A US Navy civilian intelligence analyst was charged with passing more than two dozen secret documents to South Korea, a US ally.

South Korean native Robert Chaegeon Kim, of Sterling, Virginia, handed over information classified "secret" and "top secret", to Back Dong-il, a naval attaché for the South Korean government, an affidavit released in US District Court said. A Presidential spokesman, Mike McCurry, said: "Relations between the United States and the Republic of Korea are strong and of the nature that they can endure any alleged wrongdoing by an individual." AP - Alexandria

### Nato holds steady course with Russia

With President Boris Yeltsin gravely ill, Western allies agreed it is essential for Nato to remain "predictable" so as not to play into the hands of its opponents. Nato defence ministers considered the possibility of Mr Yeltsin not serving out his second term and the consequences of that for Nato's already sensitive relations with Russia. One official said the US Defense Secretary, William Perry, and his Nato colleagues were keen not to provide ammunition to Yeltsin's opponents who want Russia to be tougher on Nato and its plans to take in East European nations in the years ahead. AP - Bergen

### Suu Kyi 'to be charged soon'

A state-run newspaper said Burma's military government will soon charge democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi with political crimes. Ms Suu Kyi, the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize winner, has already spent six years under house arrest for her role in leading Burma's democracy movement. The military recently said she has been aiding exiled dissident groups in a plot to topple the government. "In the not too distant future she will be accused as a political criminal," the *New Light of Myanmar* said. AP - Rangoon

### Army moves on Tigers

Sri Lankan troops have killed or wounded more than 500 Tamil Tiger guerrillas in the first three days of a fresh offensive against the rebels' northern stronghold, a military spokesman said.

"The aim of this operation is to draw and kill as many terrorists as possible."

Brigadier Sarath Munasinghe said.

Reuter - Colombo

### Police shoot at protesters

Police in Armenia fired at demonstrators rallying for a third day to protest against election results giving President Levon Ter-Petrosyan five more years in office. Thousands of Armenians broke through a fence around parliament and police fired shots to disperse them. Protesters, who had surrounded parliament as opposition leader, Vazgen Manukyan, held talks with election officials, ran for cover when riot police marched on them shooting into the air. Reuter - Yerevan

### Algeria adopts English

Algeria, a former French colony, has ordered its schools to begin teaching English instead of French as the top foreign language. Prime Minister Ahmed Ouyahia's edict is effective immediately for the 1996-97 school year, although it mainly affects university students. Arabic is Algeria's official language. AP - Algiers

### No refuge for wounded elk

Police shot dead an elk which had wandered into an empty fourth-floor flat, terrifying residents. The elk took refuge in the flat after being wounded by hunters in a nearby forest. Police tried to drag the beast out of the flat but when that failed they tried to find a specialist to tranquillise the elk. Unable to find one, they finally shot it dead. AP - Vilnius

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# Workfare with dignity, not gimmickry, please

Workfare is fair, according to a majority of taxpayers. Why shouldn't the unemployed, especially the long-term unemployed, be obliged to do something useful in return for their benefits? The Conservative Party clearly agrees. It plans to include proposals for workfare in its election manifesto.

But we should tread carefully. Well executed, workfare can be effective and worthwhile. The principle that those who receive community support incur obligations is right. If support for the unemployed includes real opportunities to train and improve their chances of getting jobs, then the state can reasonably insist that they should take up one of these options in return for financial support. Badly executed, however, workfare could wind up wasting taxpayers' money, and accentuating the demoralisation and frustration already felt among unemployed people. That, in turn, would undermine public faith in the ability of government to lift people out of the cycle of decline that so often accompanies long periods out of work. There is a fine line between workfare that works and is genuinely fair, and workfare that is disastrous and morally wrong. As yet we cannot tell on which side the Conservatives' new proposals would fall – but we can set out the principles that their proposals, as well as those emerging from New Labour, should be measured against.

For decades the very mention of "workfare" has sent shivers down liberal spines. We imagine chain gangs of miserable men, shoulders bowed, swinging pick-axes pointlessly against rocks. Or we think of bored youths pulling bicycles out of deserted canals, only for their mates to chuck them back in again at the weekend. Workfare, we fear, is punishing those who already struggle to find work, by sentencing them to futile labour on pain of penury.

Such qualms are justified. Penalising people for something that is not their fault will not improve anyone's lot. However, insisting that the unemployed fulfil certain conditions in exchange for benefits does not necessarily involve demeaning punishment. In fact it could be the establishment of an honourable reciprocal relationship between the Government and the unemployed. Allowing people to take from society indefinitely without demanding anything in return is to fail to respect them as citizens, and to treat them as helpless victims. Many of the unemployed are desperate to do something useful, and would be reassured to feel they were earning the giro they get at the end of each week.

The critical question is how much we can reasonably demand of the unemployed in return for their weekly benefit. Forcing them to do the grubby jobs, the boring, meaningless ones that no one else will do, may simply reinforce

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the slide in their self-esteem, and then in their future employability. Nor is it reasonable to demand that the unemployed waste their time in meaningless activity, just to prove that they are not lazy or fraudulent.

The fact that workfare would cut down on fraud and encourage those who are merely lazy to get jobs is a welcome bonus. But it is insufficient justification for the programme.

However, a well designed workfare programme could provide the long-term unemployed with exactly the kind of help they need to get back into work. If the Conservatives are proposing

real help to make the unemployed more employable, they will be justified in demanding that the unemployed participate in exchange for continued financial support. The longer people are out of work, the harder it becomes for them to find new jobs – perhaps because they are unskilled, perhaps because they have become stigmatised by unemployment, and perhaps because they have become dejected and detached from the world of work. In such circumstances, government intervention may be essential to give them a chance of getting a job. A good welfare programme would help the potential to legitimise or undermine public support for the welfare state.

unskilled train, and help the long-term unemployed re-establish a working routine through high-quality work placements or through wage subsidies for jobs in the private sector. Pilot schemes operated by government and the voluntary sector across the country have proven promising in levering the long-term unemployed back to work.

If the Conservatives have really embraced these principles, the turnaround in their approach to unemployment is starting. It means they have acknowledged that the market alone cannot deliver the jobs that the unemployed need. The risk, however, is that the Government's commitment to the welfare of the long-term unemployed is half-hearted. Practising workfare properly will prove expensive.

If this is a gimmick to prove tough on fraudsters and slackers, and to cut the numbers on the dole, it will backfire. Make-work schemes that fail to make the unemployed more employable are not only a waste of time; they cruelly raise hopes and then dash them. The unemployed know that their work is under-valued, and so they become even more demoralised. Whatever the next government decides to do about the long-term unemployed, the stakes are high. Workfare in whatever form will not only affect the welfare of those on the dole; it also holds the potential to legitimise or undermine public support for the welfare state.

If taxpayers can be convinced that those on the dole are striving and being encouraged to find work, they will be much happier about funding all those benefits. But if, instead, a future government goes in for another round of youth training schemes and community programmes that fritter public money and stoke up frustration, the Government would risk undermining public support for state intervention even further. If we are going to do it, we had better do it well.

## Girth breeds growth

Our Rome correspondent reports today that Italy is succumbing to Anglo-Saxon concern about body-weight. The movement is of a piece with Italy's brave attempts at fiscal restraint, part of its effort to meet the Maastricht criteria for European Monetary Union. But is dieting necessarily associated with control of the public finances? Look at Chancellor Kohl, or our very own Chancellor Clarke and his not insubstantial shadow, Gordon Brown. Didn't we have more sense of Lawson substance in the old days, before it was wasted away? At a tight moment in monetary affairs, we'd prefer a man of girth presiding over the books.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Unique peril of engineered food crops

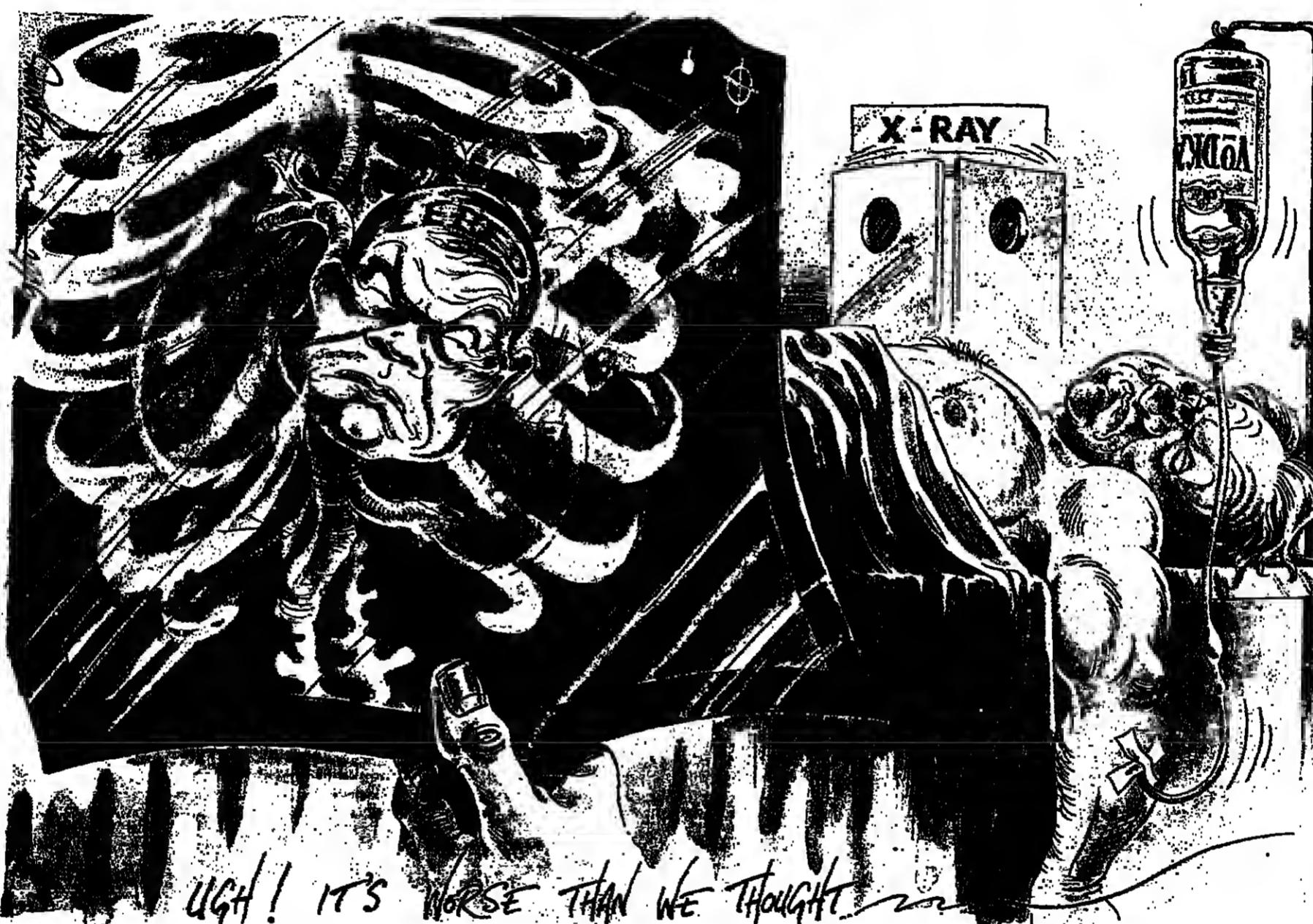
Sir: I write in an effort to dispel the common myth that the use of genetic engineering to produce new varieties of crops and farm animals is a natural extension of traditional cross-breeding methods (Suzanne Moore, 20 September; J Stocker, letter, 23 September).

In contrast to traditional methods, genetic engineering involves transfer of genetic material between totally unrelated organisms. Genes from viruses, bacteria, animals as well as unrelated plants have been engineered into crops. This circumvents natural species barriers and brings about combinations of genes that would never occur naturally.

This could be hailed simply as yet another great advance for modern agriculture if it wasn't that this is an imperfect technology with inherent dangers. The generation of genetically modified ("transgenic") plants and animals not only involves the use of artificial genetic combinations (such as parts of plant viruses linked to bacterial genes), but also its random splicing into the DNA of the host organism. This gives rise to an unpredictable component with regard to the functioning of both the host and introduced gene unit. (Normal gene control is preserved during cross-breeding of closely related species).

Furthermore, it is assumed that the protein product of the newly introduced gene will function in exactly the same way as it does in its native host, which frequently will not be the case. It is therefore not surprising to find that genetic engineering can result not only in reduced nutritional value but also in the unexpected production of novel toxins and allergens. It is the unpredictability of these outcomes that is most worrying. This argues strongly for general toxicity testing, perhaps something similar to that used for pharmaceuticals, and full labelling for all of these products. This will also allow the consumer to make an informed choice and truly "vote with their supermarket trolley" (leading article, 20 September).

Given that we have safe natural alternatives we should not be surprised to find that the Prince of Wales and others questioning the use of this technology, since once out in the field genetic pollution cannot be cleaned up and will be passed on to all future generations. Dr MICHAEL ANTONIOU, Senior Lecturer in Molecular Biology, London SE1



who have been made eunuchs by others".

Before ordination we Catholic priests made an individual, carefully prepared decision to embrace lifelong celibacy which, like marriage, now has to be lived every day of life. The free choice we make each day is open to change, exactly like the free choice others make to stay married.

When things go wrong in marriage, relatives and friends first try to get the couple back together again. If they succeed, most people are happy, but sad for the would-be partner to a second marriage.

Similarly, the Church's first honest reaction to a celibacy problem is to get the priest back again. To describe this as "a system where betraying a woman is a forgivable weakness" – which no one would dare to say to modern marriage-menders – is patently unjust.

Similarly, Brown overstates his case when he describes an errant priest's bizarre behaviour as "betraying an institution" (the Church) which regards it as "an unforgivable offence". The Church always reflects the Lord's forgiveness.

Celibacy has always challenged accepted values, been found difficult to live and been criticised in every age. We whether it every day choose it in order to serve God and to be sensitive priests to the people we serve. Today we do not believe that we "teach sexually" does not correspond with my experience of hundreds of celibate priests for well over 40 years.

HUGH LINDSAY, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria. The writer was Roman Catholic Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle 1975-1992

Sir: When a Catholic priest, or even bishop, is known to have consorted with a woman, all opprobrium is heaped on him. No one says that she is at least equally responsible.

Every Catholic woman should be aware that a priest is a man dedicated to God, and should maintain the same reserve that she would have in dealing with another woman's husband.

MARY A LYNCH, London W6

Morse first name revealed at bank

Sir: In response to your piece concerning the Christian name of Colin Dexter's Chief Inspector Morse ("Endeavour is answer to Morse code", 24 September), I wish to correct the writer as to the occasion when the clue to his first name was given.

The only clue given on television was in the episode entitled "Masonic Mysteries" (first broadcast on 24 January, 1990), when £99,999.99 was transferred into Morse's account with the West Sussex Savings Bank. The computer screen identifies the account as in the name of "E. Morse".

The clue was not given, as stated, on a bed chart in a hospital. Inspector Morse has not been hospitalised in any of the 30 televised episodes so far, and one hopes that this will remain the case in the 31st episode currently in production.

MATTHEW J HOWARD, Sturton by Stow, Lincolnshire.

### TECs' report to Shephard

Sir: The claim in your article "Youth trainees offer ministers political help" (24 September) that the TEC National Council has offered political help to the Government in return for budgetary support is false.

Your article quotes selectively from an early draft of a document which has not in fact been sent to the Secretary of State. The council has written recently to Mrs Shephard and the two key statements to which you object do not appear in the final correspondence. Nowhere in that letter does the council speak of "the failure of the school system", or of TECs seeking to "confound Opposition claims" – anything.

Nor does the council complain to the Secretary of State about previous budget levels – the letter merely argues that enrolments in TEC programmes are increasing and we wish to be sure that TECs can meet this growing demand.

TECs have quite properly communicated to the Secretary of State the latest performance figures on their programmes of work, and do also intend to see that those performance figures are widely disseminated to the public.

This is not electoral strategy – it is simply that at this time of year the confirmed performances data for 1995-96 become available, and the first-quarter results for 1996-97 are known. If TECs are to be accountable to their communities – an issue *The Independent* supports –

– reporting on their performance is a key part of this process.

CHRIS HUMPHRIES, Director of Policy and Strategy, TEC National Council, London SE1

### Don't pull plug on electric cars

Sir: Lynn Sloman of Transport 2000 ("Dot wheels out its latest road-rage shock", 23 September) is absolutely right that the

Government's proposals for the introduction of unlicensed electric vehicles which may be used by teenagers or hammed drunk drivers should be recycled.

However, with some alteration these proposals could prove valuable for both the environment and road safety.

The case for speed-limited, low-impact "runarounds" has been well documented by Stephen Plowden and Meyer Hillman in *Speed control and Transport Policy* (PSI 1996). They argue that a "runaround" vehicle which has a maximum speed limit of 25-30mph, and is lightweight and built with energy efficiency in mind, could be used by the many people who currently use vehicles for only around-town journeys.

Whilst the authors envisage drivers as being licensed and insured in the usual way, they see incentives such as lower road tax and running and purchase costs playing a valuable role. Such vehicles would help to reduce emissions and injury. Government

proposals on the unlicensed and uninsured use of electric vehicles on cycle paths by those 13 years and over are clearly suspect, but the prospect of low-impact, low-speed vehicles replacing those which make a misery of our public spaces does deserve some consideration.

SIMON BANNISTER, London N16

### Gate to Britain is plain scruffy

Sir: In retirement I often take a stroll around central London. This recently included a visit to Waterloo station – the new point of entry for continental visitors.

It always has been scruffy outside, but I now find it worse than ever. As well as having to avoid traffic particularly when coming out of the main exit, the visitor is confronted with a maze of graffiti-strewn tunnels and, at present, what appears to be the smell of sewage water.

I feel thoroughly embarrassed for any Eurostar visitors.

R JONES, Brentwood, Essex

### Young Cary

Sir: I am surprised to see your reviewer Christopher Bray ("Educating Archie", 21 September) still accepting that nonsense about Cary Grant being born "to a poor working-class household".

The area of Bristol in which he was born in 1904 was at that time a respectable middle-class area. Biographers publish photos of him as a child which certainly do not reveal poverty – eg, in fancy dress, which is not a sign of poverty in pre-1914 England. The school from which he was expelled was a fee-paying one. Once again Hollywood hype proves more interesting than the truth.

S J WHITE, Patchway, Avon

### A marriage to the Church

Sir: Is Andrew Brown ("A modest proposal for errant priests", 25 September) really surprised that Catholics are very sensitive to statements such as "Priests and bishops don't believe what they teach sexually"? Do the two letters about several priests who have not remained celibate genuinely justify your headline, "Celibacy does not denote holiness", on the accompanying Letters page?

The Catholic Church chooses her ordinands from men who have freely chosen to be what Jesus called "those who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:12) and, like Origen, those

At 25, the environmental pressure group is beginning to realise that its noisy anti-industry campaigns could be misguided, that it is the customer, as much as the capitalist, who is actually failing the environment. By Richard D North



## Greenpeace, please grow up!

Twenty-five years after the founding of Greenpeace as a direct action group, its contemporary campaigners proclaim they are into solutions and dialogue – or are they?

Yesterday, more than 100 of the country's leading firms sent senior people to a conference organised by Greenpeace. The event was held in a Marriott hotel off Oxford Street, and with tickets at £440.00 a throw, the executives from such traditional adversaries of Greenpeace as Shell, ICI and Dow Chemical were responding to an invitation that the organisers hoped – and implied – they couldn't refuse.

Greenpeace has always been brilliant at being rugged, but also at being chic and glamorous. Courage and charisma have been its hallmarks. It is

now adding a degree of corporate savvy, in a Branson or a Rodnick sort of way. "Forewarned is forearmed," said the flyer, as flyers for management conferences will. But Greenpeace's silky come-on had an element of blackmail – greenmail, anyway – about it.

Privately, several delegates said they had not really come in the hope of learning what bits of the corporate world Greenpeace would attack next. (although they were told that the oil industry's planned development off Shetland would be a target). From the floor, delegates obviously wanting the promised dialogue repeatedly asked whether Greenpeace really would discuss the details of its objections to various industries. They were patted with an ease that has 25 years experience behind it.

And yet, something quite

big is happening to the organisation. And the industry types gathered to hear it from the horse's mouth.

The genesis of the new Greenpeace is quite recent. In the early Nineties, the group commissioning Philip Gould, image-maker to new Labour, to assess what a radical campaign group should look like as it approached its quarter century (and, they might have added, after half a century at least of vigorous action by officialdom to clean up the environment). Beware, wrote Gould, that your extremism will condemn you to the fringes of the rational debate, while any move from radicalism risks alienating your core supporters.

The message was that Greenpeace could not usefully rely solely on say-saying. The public wanted solutions. Greenpeace in Germany had already

encouraged a formerly East German plant to offer fridges in which the notoriously ozone-damaging CFCs were replaced by relatively benign hydrocarbons, such as butane and propane. It is largely forgotten that CFCs were designed as a non-explosive alternative to inflammable hydrocarbons, just as it is forgotten that domestic fridges never went their CFCs. Nor does it much matter: hydrocarbon fridges can be made to work very well and have since begun to catch on with the rest of the industry.

Greenpeace failed to claim much of the credit of shaming mainstream manufacturers. British fridge manufacturers happily concede that Greenpeace was useful in encouraging the switch, though in private they note that since CFCs were about to be banned, as were some of the alternatives, the result would have been the same with or without the Greenpeace initiative.

It is one of the odd features of Greenpeace's relationship with businesses that firms, at least for now, allow the campaigners their triumphalism, while executives queue up to munch humble pie. The executives appear to hope that extending a flow of mostly unreciprocated courtesies to their old adversary may somehow civilise the campaigners.

They should beware, however. Chris Rose, the campaign director, probably the most intel-

ligent hands-on environmentalist in the country, has for a year or so been talking about "enforced solutions". The group could be positive, but remain vigorous. As the flyer for yesterday's conference rhetorically asked, "Why does Greenpeace believe that solutions campaigning can be more confrontational than blocking your pipeline or disrupting your AGM?"

**T**he answer, Rose said yesterday, is that industry fears losing its markets even more than having its pipes blocked. Greenpeace believes that it can still be seen to be the repository of forceful virtue, bouncing clumsy industry out of its self-seeking complacency. It can, it hopes, remain – or at least seem – radical. For years, industry and politicians wasted energy in pursuing the idea that this must be a left-wing group. That wasn't it at all: Greenpeace is committed to the chivalric defence of nature in the face of industrial rape. Its extraordinary appeal depends on its knightly courage and even innocence.

But it also depends on being highly selective of facts, as few as of targets. For years, most scientists involved with environmental issues, and the overwhelming majority of legislators and businesses, thought Greenpeace's handling of evidence was at least cavalier. Evidence

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merely responded: "They would, wouldn't they?"

The group now faces a more severe test. One of the founding fathers of British environmentalism was Richard Sandbrook, who was crucial to the formation of Friends of the Earth in England 25 years ago. Moving on, in 1975, to develop the ideas of Barbara Ward, an *Economist* writer, Sandbrook became director of the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), which tries to work out how human development needs can be fulfilled alongside environmental well-being.

Until now deliberately low-key, and prone to a sort of green political correctness, the IIED has recently completed the first all-embracing assessment of the paper industry – from forest to waste bin. It is a ground-breaking piece of work of considerable importance because it asserts that many deeply-held green ideas are plain wrong.

The study was paid for by the paper industry, but the IIED had far more to lose by being proved shallow or misinformed than it did by losing a corporate client. So the report carries conviction when it endorses plantation forestry; when it insists that no one has made a convincing case against the use of chlorine in paper bleaching; and when it claims that recycling paper often will not be the best environmental option.

While municipal incineration with energy recovery may well be. The clear implication is that the matter-of-fact thinking of industrialists and their regulators is more or less on track and that much "environmentalism" is misguided.

Friends of the Earth was stung to denounce it. One wonders how long it can allow Sandbrook to be a trustee, grantor the horror it has expressed at one of his proudest works. Jonathon Porritt, an occasional realist these days, endorsed the report's approach. Greenpeace – never one to launch itself into debates – has stayed silent.

Sandbrook has no desire to pick a fight with Greenpeace. But he is to be found on the same conference circuit as Rose, where Sandbrook is sometimes engagingly frank about the core of environmental absolutism. "We were spoilt baby boomers" he tells audiences. "We went through university believing that one should protest, and then protest some more." If there was one core belief among the environmentalists of the time, he tells us, it was "Bugger the market".

He is great fun, which few environmentalists manage to be. But his message is serious. Poor people in poor countries need paper now, and will need a lot more as they get hold of the right to read and the right to write. Purism doesn't much

help them, especially as its main effect is to raise prices.

There is an intellectual, or at any rate a cultural, point to be made, too. Sandbrook has doubts about Greenpeace's proclaimed desire for dialogue – a declared, if unrealised, aim of yesterday's event. The real world, he suggests, wrestles with such facts as it can garner, and works its trade-offs between the competing desires to go and spend, and to keep nature pristine. Greenpeace's moral triumphalism, and (Sandbrook notes wryly) its market niche, depend on an intellectual virginity that a crueler person might risk calling a vacuum.

There is, to be sure, a new wave of thinking that aims to come to rescue of the likes of Greenpeace. At Lancaster University, Robin Grove-White, an erstwhile TV satire writer and director of the Council for the Protection of Rural England in the Eighties, is combining a board membership of Greenpeace with the refinement of a new line of argument which the EU, among others, is funding. Sometimes called Post Normal Science, this suggests that reductionist science (that is, the sort everyone's been doing since man first elevated himself above the apes) is deeply flawed when it comes to the environment.

He told yesterday's conference that "official" science fails to take account of people's deeply felt values; and that failure has led to scientific endorsement for the eating of beef while BSE raged, and the idea of dumping the Brent Spar in the Atlantic. Grove-White is very bright and very serious, and his work may help policymakers to handle animal rights, or roads protesters, and their non-negotiable agenda. What's less clear is whether there is anything really wrong with the science which has so successfully made us rich and mostly rather safe.

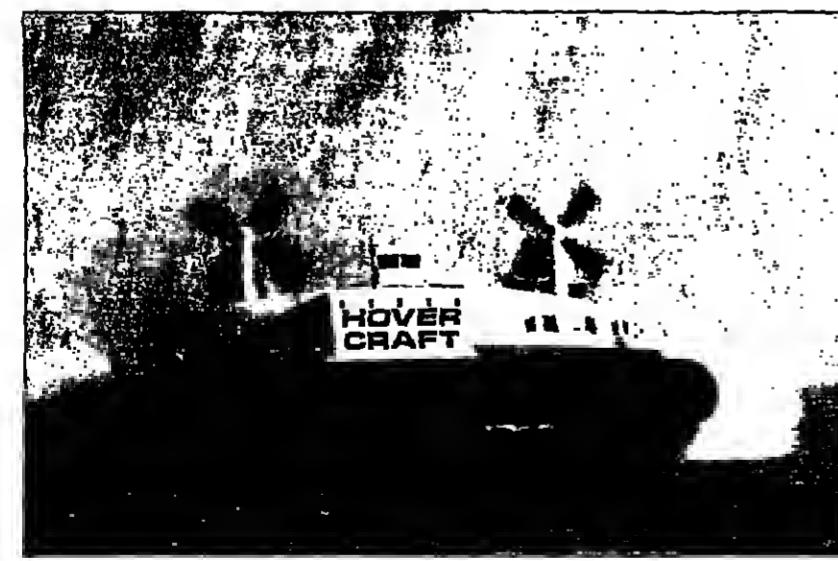
Meantime, Greenpeace has yet to deal with a real difficulty at the heart of its campaigning. For years, it has inveigled against industry and been popular as it did so. Now that it is dealing in solutions, its campaigners will soon have to understand that industry does what its customers want.

Greenpeace Germany last month launched the design for a low-energy car. The car industry said the car was interesting but not revolutionary. Anyon could have knocked one up. It was not a world capitalist conspiracy that kept such a car off the road, but consumer indifference.

In short, Greenpeace's solution option may prove more challenging for the campaigners than for the businessmen it has harassed and harangued. Supporters may like the group less when it proclaims that it is the customer as much as the capitalist that fails the environment. And Greenpeace may find that one cannot talk about solutions and dialogue without occasionally listening to people who make things.

Greenpeace, at 25, may at last have lost its virginity.

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## If they love it in Berne, it's time for a rethink



Miles Kington

I think it is in Madagascar that the country people periodically dig up their dead and involve them in daily life for a while, before reinterring them. They have the same idea in this country, which is why *Punch* magazine has come back from the dead for a time. But the people who have the idea most often are those old folk at the BBC. They disinter old Hancock Half Hours or old panel game ideas, shake off the earth and pebbles sticking to them, and put them back on prime time radio or TV, which captains

why *Call My Bluff* is back on our screens at lunchtime during the week and why SJ Perelman is on Radio 4 at the hallowed 8.40am spot, and why Gerry Anderson is back in *Gerry's Bar*...

I switched on my TV at lunchtime the other day just to convince myself that *Call My Bluff* was really back again, and there it was, twinkling away at Pebble Mill, with Alan Coren and Sandi Toksvig playing the parts of the team captains and the random collection of maladroit and verbose semi-celebrities being played by a random collection of maladroit and verbose semi-celebrities.

I almost said, with Alan Coren and Sandi Toksvig playing the parts of Frank Muir and Patrick Campbell, but that would be unfair. For a start, nobody could replace those two. For a second tip, Coren and Toksvig are their own people and do things differently – they obviously have a good rapport, which they use to be pleasantly rude to each other, when they would clearly much rather be rude to some of the long-winded guests on either side of them.

The odd thing about *Call My Bluff* is that it doesn't do the one thing that you would think it might do, and that is to spread the knowledge of obscure and arcane words. Not one word has ever been reintroduced to English parlance by *Call My Bluff*. Once, when I was on the programme in the old days, I asked the long-time chairman Robert Robinson if he had ever adopted any of the words that passed through the programme, and taken them home for further use and enjoyment.

"Not a single one," he said tersely. I myself can only remember one word ever used on TV's *Call My Bluff*, and that was a word I knew already. I was on Frank Muir's team and we were given, by the opposition, three different definitions of the word "plaster".

In English this is an extremely rare word connected with horse dressage. In French, however, it is quite a common word meaning "to rear up" of a horse, which I had taken in at French A-level time, so, of course, I only had to pick the one definition with an equine bias and I was the happy winner of a point.

What I couldn't do was actually say, "Oh, yes, I know that," which would make me look unbearably smug and superior, so I had to go through the charade of pretending not to know and then guessing accurately, and then looking amazed and pleased that I had guessed right.

Still, it is odd to see the programme back at all. I can't remember exactly when *Call My Bluff* first died, but I was around at the time because I can remember the then producer, Johnny Downes, having to come to terms with the death of his baby.

"I don't want to leave the BBC without getting something else up and running," Miles, he told me one day. "Something to leave behind me, you know. If I come across something worth trying, would you like to get involved?"

"Well, you don't say no to someone's dying wish, so I said yes, which is how I became involved in a new TV panel game based on Scrabble. It was copied from a programme which was already well established in Switzerland. It was to be chaired by Gerry Anderson, and most of the programme passed in silence.

*Tomorrow* – we consider the revival value of SJ Perelman, Gerry Anderson and *Punch* magazine. Anything in fact, rather than talk about part

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I spent the other weekend at a house party in rural Nottinghamshire: heartbreakingly beautiful women, wet dogs, badminton ladders, wines that unfolded you in a soft embrace, east wing, west wing. Scarlati on the spinet, mousse cocktail cigarettes, shiny mahogany commode in the 14th bedroom and scrambled eggs à la Escoffier in the silver chafing dish. It was bliss in a specifically English way. And over the two-and-a-half days I turned into a psychopath.

On the first evening, as I went to retrieve something from the car, I spied an alarming figure emerging through the trees. It was our host, a mild-mannered philosopher, the gentlest cheep you could meet, and he carried a gun – a .22 rifle with telescopic sight, night-beam and silencer. A sniper's gun, a ghastly, violent object whose sole purpose was the imminent dispatch of living things. He had, he said, been shooting rabbits which were vermin. Rupert, I said, I'm appalled. How could you – a humanist, a neo-Platonist, even contemplative...?

So we argued awhile about the ethics of firearms: he said banning handguns would solve the problem; rifles didn't count) and went to dinner. Lots of Château Lynch-Bages '68, port, odorous cheeses, coffee in the drawing room and Andrew said: "It's midnight. Coming for a stroll? We could take the rifle if that's all right with you..." Grudgingly I joined in, but purely as the voice of liberal-humanist decency. I represented the Rabbitish tendency. It was only there to see fair play.

It all changed in 15 minutes. Not 200 yards across the greenward, I said, "Let me have a look at that," and was suddenly clutching the noiseless firearm like Robert de Niro in his woolly hat. The telescopic sight focused in and out of small brown bodies, playing jump-the-dots. The cross-hairs beckoned. A hunter's moon obligingly fingered the trees. "Just round this corner," blared Rupert, "there's always sticks of the little blighters." I flinched myself against a tree, brought the sight to my eye, switched on the night-beam and swung round: "Eat lead, dead, mother\*\*\*\*\*."

When the smoke cleared, I had gone so viciously explosive, I'd in a dead body, buried 128 rabbits, the last being a girl, a "Keep Our Girls Safe" Dutch barn (at least that's what), seat a chair that looks like an Independence Day shadow over the whole county, woken all the slumbering brigadiers of Nottingham and lost all credibility with Friends of the Earth. I fled, stricken with remorse. Yesterday I was St Francis, now I was the gregoriell in Desperado. What was happening to me?

I got worse. A week later I was in Hastings on a lonely seaside punt. My son, who is five, said he wanted to look at a lovely tree and grow in a shop. Ah, bless him. And there was this little toy shop.

# The ugly truth that stalks our sexual fantasies

**M**y Stalker Hell by Pammi Girl", says The Sun's headline. Beneath is a picture of "lovely Penny Southall, 20" wearing a PVC miniskirt and boots. Ms Southall, it ought to be explained, is Pammi Girl, as far as The Sun is concerned, because of her striking resemblance to Pamela Anderson, an actress. She was stalked for eight months by a man who was finally convicted on two assault charges – the jury accepted that she had been psychologically scarred.

Meanwhile, Doreen Holt told delegates at the Liberal Democrat conference of the way her daughter's life had been devastated by a man who stalked her for five years. Moved by the speech, the conference voted overwhelmingly to make stalking a criminal offence. The judge at the trial of Clarence Morris, the stalker of Ms Southall, also called for legislation.

Plus, of course, there have been some high-profile Hollywood cases of stalkers-to-the-stars. One way or another, stalking appears to have crept furiously on to The Agenda.

Legally, one can see the point. Being obsessively stalked must be

appalling and anybody who causes such anxiety and misery ought, on the face of it, to be prosecutable. But this is tricky. At what point would a certain pattern of behaviour become stalking? And what is wrong with stalking if no threats are made and no harm is done? Well, obviously quite a lot, but once you create offences defined by the subjective response of the victim, it becomes difficult to know either where to stop, or what would constitute evidence. And, after all, Clarence Morris was convicted, so the present law seems to be fairly usable.

But the current fascination with stalking is not really about the law; it is about totems and taboos. The big totem is sex. The big taboo is bad sex.

Penny Southall, because of her resemblance to tabloid heroine, good sex. Clarence Morris, because he turned up at the dental surgery where she worked wearing Y-fronts outside his trousers, is bad sex.

This distinction is crucial to the functioning of a society that thinks of itself as liberated but is, in fact, elaborately enmeshed than ever. Sex sells things very successfully so there are big vested interests involved in promoting sex. Advertising, newspapers,

Bryan  
Appleyard

television and films all now routinely use material that, 50 years ago, would have been regarded as hard pornography. And all of this sex is good, healthy and fun, an essential part of contemporary identity, because, if it weren't, it would not sell the cars, newspapers, whatever.

But, liberated as all this may seem, it has to be held together by some highly puritanical injunctions. The tabloids, for example, will reserve the

right to expose any sufficiently prominent adulterer, especially if there is anything "kinky" involved. Such a "love rat" or "pervert" is somehow deemed to offend against the totem of good sex, celebrated elsewhere in the paper by bare-breasted models and sex advice columns and features.

The glaring discontinuity arises from the attempt simultaneously to regard sex both as a simple appetite and as an emotional and moral force. The first decorates the culture, the second gives it something to talk about.

On the one hand there is the fantasy world of good, clean sex on the other, the real world of the old, ugly, infirm or just averagely attractive individuals for whom sex is never simple.

The idea that the fantasy world may have some adverse impact on the real world is not something the fantasists like to think about. David Stanton, Morris's barrister, tried to defend his client by, effectively, saying that Southall had only herself to blame because of the way she looked and dressed. This was a stupid move. Clearly Stanton's ill-judged words implied a connection between the Pamela Anderson fantasy and

the grubby reality of the stalker.

But, of course, all sane people know the connection is real enough. It is inevitable that inadequate people are going to be aroused to unacceptable extremes by the daily deluge of images of an inhumanly perfect sexuality. The stalker is just somebody who tries to live out the fantasy he is being sold. This doesn't make him any less guilty. But it should make some people think carefully about the flagrant lie that sex is a simple physical appetite.

So stalking is on The Agenda precisely because it is an activity that seems to be a direct response to the world of fantasy sex in which we all now live. The stalker is at a distance, looking, drawing constant attention to his victim as pure surface, a mere fantasy image. He provokes outrage because his presence implies that his victim can be reduced to a version of a media star. He excludes her from the communal sexual fantasy by threatening to make it real.

It is hard to imagine a neater image of the contemporary experience than this threatening confrontation between fantasy and reality. No wonder the stalker has become one of the anti-heroes of our time.

## Major must seize the moment, or die

Donald  
Macintyre

Douglas Hurd has written the script on EMU. The PM has to deliver it

It would also prevent a stand-up cabinet row with hard-line Eurosceptics over what goes in the manifesto.

Major's principal defence so far has been that to decide the issue before the election would be to sacrifice the chance to influence the negotiations leading to monetary union. The more imminent the election, and therefore the establishment of EMU, the more his opponents will argue that such considerations have become irrelevant because there is less to influence. Ministerial Eurosceptics willfully overestimate the electoral advantages of achieving their goal; and willfully underestimate the divisions exposed by pursuing it.

But they haven't given up. Sir Nicholas Bousier, who attacked Kenneth Clarke on Tuesday, has some friends in high places, including Michael Howard, whom he would like to see lead the party when Major stands down. Howard knew nothing of Bousier's attack until it had happened, much less put him up to it. But the connection demonstrates that his constituency is powerful as well as numerous. In short if the left buckled, many of Major's trivials would evaporate.

But the left isn't going to buckle. Slowly, belatedly, the pro-European one-nation wing of the party is fighting back.

Douglas Hurd makes an unlikely backbench agitator, and never expected to be one. But he warmed to his role yesterday, eloquently restating the case against ruling out a single currency – but also, for good measure, backing the Chancellor against strident calls for extravagant tax cuts.

But where he said it was more important than what he said. More than 100 Tory MPs and 30 ministers have supported yesterday's launch – in a Westminster club – of the broadly pro-European, one-national Conservative mainstream group. A fair sprinkling of both turned out yesterday to support an organisation that will remain active until the election. It would be fantasy to assume that more than a minority of these would go over the brink with the Chancellor. But it is equally fantasy to suggest that he would be on his own.

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### Mandelson's people

He may be loathed in the Commons, but his is the new face of politics.

By Peter Popham

Mandelson's prominence says a lot both about the present-day Labour Party and present-day British politics. Mandelson was the dramatic remedy the party came up to tackle the causes of 1983's crashing defeat. Sweeping through its stagnant press office like an elegant tornado, he quickly put the fear of God into its Conservative counterparts. Mention of Mandelson appears to

cast a respectful terror in the hearts of Tory strategists," one commentator observed, "much as the name Mondelez gained a mythical status among Allied generals."

If he had left it at his bosom. But in 1987 it became clear that he planned to get as closely involved in the making of policy as he had been in its presentation; and that he was going to deploy his formidable presentation skills and his unrivalled, 24-hour-a-day dedication to getting his way.

For a man with no base in the party, it was a bold gamble. His influence owed everything to his intimacy with the leadership and with the media, and to the electricity – in terms of positive news coverage – which this enabled him to generate. But the gamble has paid off handsomely. Mandelson's power base may be fragile, and wholly dependent on Tony Blair not falling under a bus, but it is immense.

Of course he is not as isolated as his parliamentary enemies would like him to appear. His select circle of friends constitutes a microcosm of a particular sort of élite. He has a good relationship with Alastair Campbell, Blair's press officer. His closest friend is probably Phillip Gould, the man he coaxed away from a brilliant career in advertising to overhaul Labour's image. Gould's wife is Gail Rebuck, managing director of the publisher Harper-Collins who became a millionaire when given golden handcuffs by the company.

Other close friends and allies include John Birt, director general of the BBC; Christopher Blaize, the BBC's chairman; and Roger Liddle, a founder member of the SDP and co-author of Mandelson's book *The Blair Revolution*. Another inmate chum is Peter Ashby, his former flatmate, who is prominent as a lobbyist for the cause of full employment.

Mandelson's political work has been backstage, but he himself is now quite famous: last week he was photographed at the Ministry of Sound disco's fifth birthday party, and the *Evening Standard* was the picture next to Mick Jagger's, and just as large. Conclusion: politics today has become almost exclusively a love affair between politicians and the media.

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## Douglas Hyde



Hyde: 'agnostic Christian'

Douglas Hyde's Cold War best-seller *I Believed* told of an idiosyncratic personal odyssey, from Methodism through Communism to Roman Catholicism. Climaxing seascorably with Hyde's rejection of the Kremlin for the Vatican, this cautionary tale of 1951 brought instant fame and the endorsement of Cold Warriors from Joe McCarthy downwards.

The unwritten sequel was even more instructive, however, for Hyde was to abandon the role of professional anti-Communist through an unquenched desire for social justice that neither church, still less the likes of McCarthy, could accommodate. Disillusioned by increasing papal conservatism, he ended his life no longer a practising Catholic but renewed once more in his socialist faith.

Hyde's story began in a comfortable nonconformist Bristol home, his pious Liberal father having known Lloyd George in his heyday. Drawn at first towards the Methodist ministry, Hyde came to find its stifling provincial mores incompatible with his own burgeoning social militancy. Far more expansive and stimulating were the orators who came to speak on Bristol Downe from Indian nationalists who engendered a lifelong internationalism, to militant Welsh miners like Lewis Jones, inflamed by the recent General Strike. It was through Jones that Hyde was introduced to the Communist Party, which he joined in 1928 at the age of 17.

There can have been few more earnest recruits. Leaving his theological studies behind him, Hyde immersed himself in the canon of Marxism-Leninism in which he later became an accomplished tutor. It was the central claim of *I Believed* that this Leninist outlook allowed no matter what ruse or stratagem as best served the party cause. Undercover work in the ILP or Labour Party thus came as naturally to Hyde as the harnessing of liberal or progressive opinion to some party-led campaign or other. Not once did Hyde deny the tireless idealism of campaigns like that for Republican Spain, later recalled as "not only the most memorable and personally satisfying but the best of my life".

Always, however, at the back of his own mind was a sense of revolutionary purpose that went beyond the immediate common task. That combination, of revolutionary ardour with Leninist *realpolitik*, no doubt explains the intensity of Hyde's revolution on concluding by 1948 that the final emancipatory

goals of Communism had all but been lost sight of. The Stalinist clampdown in Eastern Europe provided the grimness of catalyst but the malaise went both deeper and further back than that.

At the time of his resignation, Hyde was news editor of the *Daily Worker*. He had joined the paper in 1940 and then overseen its preparations for illegal publication during an 18-month government ban in 1941-42. On the lifting of the ban, Hyde joined the remarkable editorial team which, in defiance of its limited journalistic experience, had the presumption to take on Britain's press barons and briefly raised the *Worker's* circulation to some 120,000. It was a period in which the paper enjoyed a wide sympathy and tacit support among its Fleet Street rivals.

Hyde recalled one particular alarming episode when an elaborate network of covert sympathisers, from the *Daily Mail*, *Daily Express* and beyond, found themselves trapped with him in a lift after an anti-Nazi disturbance. Such risks of exposure were afterwards avoided, but it was a mark of Hyde's total dependability that he could always be entrusted with such delicate responsibilities. No Communist, as Harry Pollitt would later ruefully remark, could have been further from any suspicion of dereliction.

Hyde's key public defection was thus inevitably taken by former comrades as a betrayal. For some that breach would never be healed, but others proved less unrelenting. Perhaps, with the shocks to Communist self-belief that began in 1956, the criticisms of a Douglas Hyde were less plausibly dismissed as those of a mere renegade.

Hyde himself, moreover, was by no means a convert to the right. He never accepted the grosser logic of McCarthyism and pointedly omitted in *I Believed* the central claim of the party that went beyond the immediate common task. That combination, of revolutionary ardour with Leninist *realpolitik*, no doubt explains the intensity of Hyde's revolution on concluding by 1948 that the final emancipatory

lived to name names like those of that Fleet Street lift's fellow-occupants. Spending much of his time in the Third World, initially as a lecturer and roving foreign correspondent, Hyde was as surely roused by the oppression and human suffering he encountered as he had been in his Communist youth.

The early campaigner for the American anarchists Sacco and Vanzetti (in the 1920s), and "class war prisoners", now devoted much of the 1960s to campaigns for the release of political internees, even to the point of sharing their plight. Releases in the Philippines and Sri Lanka came as a palpable reward, while the militant spirit of liberation theology offered an irresistible synthesis of all that had burned brightest in Hyde's successive faiths. None perhaps was more qualified than he for the period's abortive "Christian-Marxist dialogue"; and none more disaffected at the papacy turned against its militant priests and preached instead a deadening gospel of quiescence.

"I haven't lived two lives," Hyde wrote shortly before his death. "There has been a continuum which is the most meaningful thing to me." One expression of that continuum was his lifelong passion for William Morris. On breaking with Communism, it was Morris's utopianism and love of beauty that Hyde set against the expediency and cultural blight of Stalinism. Like Morris, he was drawn to the medieval, and his own great love of plain-song and Gothic architecture played a major part in his attraction to Catholicism.

But there was another side to Morris too, of comradeship and struggle, that Hyde came to believe had been more fully realised in the Communist Party. "Fellowship is life," Morris had written, and nowhere had Hyde found such fellowship as among his former party comrades. Beyond that was what Hyde called Morris's sense of moral outrage, an outrage briefly dimmed perhaps on Hyde's first embrace of Catholicism but ultimately proved inextinguishable.

Douglas Hyde's final years were ones of failing health borne with fortitude. More gods than one had failed him, but his courage and optimism never wavered.

**Kevin Morgan**

Catholicism in the United Kingdom in the 1940s and 1950s was aggressively self-confident, wrote Bruce Kent. Converts were there to be harvested in plenty and the more prestigious they were the better. From that perspective Dou-

glas Hyde's conversion was a triumph. From out of the ranks of Communist darkness came one whom our grace and truth had at last touched. His *I Believed* became a Catholic textbook.

In the 1950s he came to lecture at our college for would-be priests. He was hero-worshipped. A modest, unpretentious man, he was never happy on pedestals. Soon we became friends. It was clear that Doug's passion was social and economic justice rather than religious orthodoxy. Justice had inspired him as a Communist and it inspired him equally as a Catholic Christian.

It was because he could not swallow the political selectivity of the present Pope, who has so often treated those supposed to be on the Left so harshly, that Doug moved away from official Catholicism. On his last hospital admission form he listed himself as an "agnostic Christian".

He was never agnostic or in-

different about injury done to others. His courage in spending, voluntarily, two and a half years in Asian prisons working for the release of political detainees was astonishing. Thousands owe their freedom today to the unpublicised work he undertook, at real risk to his own life.

The hundreds of Christmas and birthday cards balancing on his Wimborne mantelpiece every year were witness to his many friendships world-wide. Many came from ex-prisoners. Indeed Amnesty International owes its foundation (in 1961) in part to his example.

Literature, music, the wonders of his garden and the inquiries of our government were favourite themes for a man who knew how to speak clearly and to the point. Always his humour bubbled over and his eyes sparkled. Illnesses were brushed aside.

It was a delight to be with him a few years ago at a summer garden party for his birthday. His old comrades respected the way he had followed the star of his own conscience and were there in plenty. Phil Piratin, once one of only two Communist MPs, was at his side when it came to cutting the cake.

Douglas Hyde was an inspiration and one who really did love his neighbour as himself. A prophet as well no doubt, but one who knew how to laugh.

**Douglas Arnold Hyde, journalist and political campaigner; born Worthing, Sussex 8 April 1911; married (three sons, one daughter); died Kingston upon Thames, Surrey 19 September 1996.**



Les Ballets Chiriaeff performing in 1956, the year after the troupe was formed

Photograph: André Le Coz / Lebrecht Collection

Ludmilla Chiriaeff was a handsome woman of noble mien with a stamina that was truly Russian. Creator of the Grands Ballets Canadiens in 1957, she was a leader who did much to establish a virile ballet in a country where – at the time – art was a rare commodity and ballet an unmentionable word. She must be placed alongside Gwendoline Lloyd of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet and Celia Franca of the Toronto Ballet as one of the most prominent pioneers of this epoch. Over two decades she built her company from scratch in French-speaking Montreal and developed it to world-class standards.

The distinguished Canadian ballet critic Michael Crabb wrote of her in 1982: "Ludmilla was and is a lady of vision and courage. At 58 she remains a stylish woman of great beauty with a personality wrapped in a slightly wistful almost tragic air. The aura entirely belies the tough core without which her career could never have endured the heat, toil and entrepreneurial difficulties involved in creating a ballet company... Ludmilla Chiriaeff had to be a fighter and a survivor."

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Born in Riga, Latvia, the daughter of a well-known Russian writer, Serge Corin, Ludmilla Chiriaeff spent her childhood in Berlin after the

family had fled from the Soviet regime. She studied ballet with Alexandra Nikolajeva, an ex-Bolshoi ballerina, and such was her progress that by 1936 she was dancing with Colonel de Bas's Ballet Russes.

Returning to Berlin to dance at the Stasi Oper, she formed and danced in the ballets of Mikhail Fokine and Léonide Massine, which formed the basis of her choreographic development. The Second World War checked her career as a dancer, but with the cessation of hostilities she went to Switzerland and became leading dancer and ballet mistress at the Lausanne Theatre. Dis-



Chiriaeff: total conviction

**Ludmilla Chiriaeff**

I met Chiriaeff at the Varna International Ballet competition in 1972. She was serving on the jury and some of her dancers won prizes. Later when her company was appearing at Sadler's Wells I met her several times and was impressed by her humanity, her beauty of soul and total conviction.

Chiriaeff always valued the importance of schooling as the basis of the company's style and after retirement from directing in 1974 she spent her energies developing the Académie de Danse which she had founded in 1957. That school became the Académie des Grands Ballets Canadiens in 1966 and eventually L'École Supérieur des Danseuses and, in 1984, L'École Supérieur de Danse de Québec.

Her last years were blighted by illness, but to the end she continued to take a keen interest in her school and in all things balletic. In 1993, she was one of six Canadians given a Governor General's Performing Arts Award for lifetime achievement.

**John Gregory**

**Ludmilla Chiriaeff, dancer and choreographer; born Riga, Latvia 1924; married; died Montreal 23 September 1996.**

## Professor Jack Pepys



Pepys: clinical allergist

Jack Pepys was Professor of Clinical Immunology at the Brompton Hospital in London from 1967 to 1979 and the "father" of British clinical allergy. He was an outstanding clinical researcher who made substantial contributions to our understanding of allergic diseases.

His great gift was to unravel complex mechanisms in specific allergic processes. An association between a farmer's lung and mouldy hay had been known since the 1930s but the specific cause eluded people and there was much debate as to whether the disease was allergic in nature. Pepys and co-workers discovered a specific cause (allergy to moulds) and developed a blood test for farmer's lung, which has remained routine in clinical practice ever since.

It became clear that there were many variants of this particular form of allergic lung disease (for which the term *extrinsic allergic alveolitis* was coined). Related conditions included bird breeder's (fancier's) lung and a similar allergic lung problem caused by inhaled pituitary snuff used in the treatment of diabetes insipidus.

Pepys and his team also described these diseases and their causes. He furthermore achieved international acclaim for his work on allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis and allergic lung diseases caused by fungi. These complex co-ordinations, which can be fatal if unrecognised, were found by Pepys and his team to have a basic immunological nature. This enabled them to explain the patterns of tissue destruction and develop further specific diagnostic tests. He also pioneered "experimental models" of provoked asthma and extrinsic allergic alveolitis in the clinical laboratory and in this way was able not only to unravel disease processes but also to explain the basis of the mode of action of various anti-allergic drugs.

He was born Jacob Pepys, in Johannesburg, in 1914. He obtained his MB ChB from the University of Witwatersrand in 1935 and remained in South Africa for the next 14 years working in general practice and having various affiliated academic appointments in Johannesburg and Cape Town.

It was during this time that he began his lifelong interest in allergy and allergic diseases. In 1948 he and his family moved to London. After appointments at the Institute of Diseases of the Chest (now the National Heart & Lung Institute), the research group was initially set up with support from the Medical Research Council. He was

appointed Reader in 1965 and Professor of Clinical Immunology in 1967.

Further landmark contributions were his studies on occupational asthma. He developed a series of simple inhalation tests which enabled a cause and effect relationship to be established between asthma and low molecular weight chemicals and other sensitising agents in the workplace. He published papers on platinum salts, isocyanates and colophony as occupational sensitising agents are classics of their time. Using serological tests he was able to set the scene for subsequent studies on the immunopathology of occupational asthma. This eventually led to occupational asthma's being recognised as a compensatable industrial disease.

In 1971 Jack Pepys founded and was first editor of the journal *Clinical Allergy* (now *Clinical and Experimental Allergy*), which was to become one of the most popular journals in the field. The early issues contained the classic descriptions on the causes of occupational asthma. He was a prolific and clear writer, publishing over 200 scientific articles in national and international journals.

Pepys was a founder member and first Treasurer of the British Society for Immunology and Professor of Clinical Immunology and Professor of Clinical Immunology at the Brompton Hospital in 1967-79; married 1938 Rhoda Kessel (one son, one daughter); died London 9 September 1996.

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As a lecturer he was lucid and concise. He loved to travel and had a busy national and international agenda. He was a kind and gentle man and a delightful raconteur with a great sense of fun. Equally he could be decisive and firm with colleagues and students. His total commitment and absorption in his work was with him to the end.

He is survived by his devoted wife Rhoda and his daughter Sandra (both gifted artists) and his son Mark, Professor of Immunological Medicine at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School.

**A. R. Kay**

**Jacob Pepys, immunologist; born Johannesburg 15 May 1914; Professor of Clinical Immunology; Brompton Hospital, London 1967-79; married 1938 Rhoda Kessel (one son, one daughter); died London 9 September 1996.**

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**Sue Cooper**

A memorial service for Sue Cooper (Dol) will be held at the Church of St Peter Ad Vincula, Gt. Titchfield Street, Stepney, on Friday 4 October, at 2pm.

**Silk Smitha**

Silk Smitha revolutionised southern India's prolific film industry through her song-and-dance and cabaret numbers in some 300 films.

She

performed these numbers so provocatively that leading Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam distributors from the south would only accept films which included her sultry and erotic cabarets, irrespective of whether the story line warranted them or not. For her efforts and her rather ample, though supple bulk, she was christened "Thundering Thighs".

Smitha initially played serious lead roles in several Telugu films, but over-partial in revealing, sequinned bodices and low-slung, tight-fitting saris, she was eventually typecast as the ultimate sex-siren, utterly desirable but just out of reach.

Then, after nearly 20 years of playing such roles, Smitha's career floundered and she moved, rather disastrously, into producing movies. Two of her Telugu films flopped recently in the box office while the third, released earlier this month, was also a failure. Smitha had borrowed heavily to make these films and this, combined with her unhappy personal life and alcohol dependency, finally led to her committing suicide.

Born into a poor family in Eluru in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh in 1960, she was christened Vijayalakshmi but, at an early age, changed her name to Smitha. After *Vandi Chakram* ("The Wheel"), her first Tamil film in 1979, Smitha began calling herself "Silk" after the bar girl of that name she played in the movie. Silk is also an anglicised word for "silky", used colloquially in parts of south India to mean an "endearing flirt with a touch of glamour", a sobriquet which suited her screen persona.

Smitha left school after the fourth standard determined to become a film star, and at the age of nine moved in with her aunt in Madras, the centre of southern India's booming film industry. Madras easily rivals Bollywood. India's film capital of Bombay, not only in the number of films it produces annually and its lavish studios, but also in the number of box-office hits it produces.

Southern India's film industry also has a firm grip on the locals than anywhere else in the country. The cult of the film star M.G. Ramachandran, better known as MGR, who became the chief minister of Tamil Nadu state on the strength of his acting career, was so all-encompassing that scores of Tamilians committed suicide by setting themselves on fire or jumping out of moving trains when he died in the mid-Eighties.

Similarly, N.T. Rama Rao, who invariably featured as a god in Telugu movies, was treated with ecclesiastical reverence by people in neighbouring Andhra Pradesh state and twice elected its chief minister.

Smitha too became a household name after Tamil films like *Moondram Pirai* ("Third night of the New Moon"), *Moondramigam* ("Three Faces") and *Kozhi Kuththu* ("The Cock is Crowing"). Besides Tamil cinema she also featured in scores of Telugu, Malayalam and even mainstream Hindi films in Hollywood.

Smitha's personal life, however, contrasted sharply with her screen persona. She was deeply religious and like many pious Indians had her own little temple at home where she prayed several times a day.

**Kuldip Singh**

**Vijayalakshmi ("Silk") Smitha, actress; born Eluru, Andhra Pradesh, south India 1960; died Madras 23 September 1996.**

## Births, Marriages &amp; Deaths

**BIRTHS**  
MULLEN: To Derek and Shirley (née O'Rourke), a daughter, Magali Philomena, a sister for Shirley, on 24 September at the National Maternity Hospital, Dublin.

**DEATHS**  
LONGFORD: Viviane. On 23 September 1996 peacefully at her home in Guernsey, death loved wife of the late John Longfond. Requiem Mass at St Joseph's Church on Friday 27 September. Condolences may be sent to St Joseph's Church, Corder Hill, St Peter Port, Guernsey



## Harrisons is slow to bear fruit

### THE INVESTMENT COLUMN

EDITED BY TOM STEVENSON

Harrisons & Crosfield just cannot seem to fire on all cylinders at once. Bill Turcan, who moved over into the chief executive's slot in May 1994, has done his best to shake the tree, but the former plantations group has resolutely failed to deliver.

The first half to June was no exception, with pre-tax profits down from £6.4m to £2.4m, hit by a collapse in the results of the builder's merchanting operations on both sides of the Atlantic. Underlying profits from Harrisons, which has been overtaken by Travis Perkins as the UK's leading chain, slumped from £9.6m to £5.1m, while Moore's in the US turned £1.1m profits into a £1.4m loss.

But most of the UK industry has suffered in the past 18 months and Harrisons' northern bias has left it particularly exposed. In the US, Moore's has faced aggressive competition from a new entrant in the DIY market and floods in Pennsylvania. The restructuring initiated by both businesses has clearly hit the figures in the short term, but the results are starting to come through. Moore's is back in profit and new management at Harrisons has already exceeded its original cost savings target of £8.5m.

Harrisons recognises that operating margins at Harrisons, 3.1 per cent in the latest figures, need to catch up with the industry's best. Despite more difficult conditions, Travis Perkins is still notching up 7.2 per cent, some 2 percentage points better than Harrisons in its peak year of 1994. The omens are good, however, especially since Harrisons has won back half the market share lost since April last year.

Elsewhere, chemicals continue to show with profits rising from £28.6m to £29.3m in the latest period. Harrisons has an enviable position in chrome chemicals, used in a range of applications from wood treatment to aerospace alloys, and is strong in pigments for paints and the like. Most of the £250m to £300m firepower provided by the group's ungered balance sheet will initially be concentrated here. Discussions about acquisitions are under way, but nothing is imminent, the company says.

With the impending disposal of the remaining plantation interests next month, Harrisons' only other division will be the BOCM Pauls animal feeds to malt operations. These kept profits moving despite what was effectively a £1.5m hit from the mad cow scare.

Profits of £19m this year would put the shares, up 1.5p at 143p, on a for-

### Barratt builds on rising prices

The good times are back for Barratt, Britain's second-biggest housebuilder. While eschewing talk of a return to the boom days of the late Eighties, the chief executive, Frank Eaton, yesterday spoke of an "extremely positive" outlook after posting a healthy 11 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £52.1m in the year to June on sales 10 per cent higher at £634m. Earnings per share rose 17 per cent to 17.8p while the dividend was increased by one-tenth to 8.25p.

Unlike most other housebuilders, Barratt continues to increase its sales and profits thanks in part to its adept

ward multiple of 13. Questions remain about the continuing absence of a finance director and management's ability to spend wisely, but the shares are worth holding now.

**Barratt builds on rising prices**

use of part-exchange schemes, which accounted for 4,000 of the 7,000 completions made during the year.

Barratt has also benefited from its strong regional focus on the South-east, in general, and London in particular, where annual house price increases of up to 10 per cent are being seen. This London effect wholly accounted for the rise in average UK selling price to £33,000 from £28,000 a year ago.

Barratt boasts about the virtues of going down the organic route in its quest to build 11,000 houses a year by the end of the century. It noted the departure of many weak operators during the period and, cocking a snook at Wimpey, its larger rival which recently swapped its minerals business for Tarmac's housing activities, Barratt highlighted the problems buyers faced with poor-quality land stocks and high reorganisation costs.

A timely £90m rights issue earlier this year has left the balance sheet free of debt, with net cash standing at £42m. That ought to provide a firm spring-

board for Barratt to grow its market share from the current 5 per cent level, though history suggests housebuilders cannot sustain a market share much above 10 per cent.

On analysts' pre-tax forecasts of £68m, the shares stand on a forward p/e of 14 with the shares up 6p at 274.5p. Despite the strong performance, the risks inherent in its ambitious expansion plan mean they are high enough.

### Alexon recovers with style

Shareholders in Alexon still have a long way to go before their shares get near to the 430p peak reached five years ago, just after the women's clothing group spun off its manufacturing operations as Claremont Garments. But with another 7p rise to 175p yesterday, they are, at least, now moving in the right direction.

The credit for that should go to John Osborn, who arrived as chief executive in 1993 with a brief to stem the losses at Alexon's DASH brand and keep its bankers at bay. Figures showing pre-tax profits mushrooming from £141,000 to £3.03m in the 26 weeks to July show just how successful he has been. Having been forced by 69 per cent gearing to go cap in hand to bankers last year, he has all but wiped out debts and is confidently talking of paying off three years of accumulated preference dividends – a total of some £4m – in March.

The early part of what is a classic recovery story came with overhead containment. Mr Osborn reckons central costs, as much as £17m when he arrived, should be held below £10m in 1996/97 for the third successive year. The focus has now shifted to top-line growth and, once again, Alexon is delivering in spades. Turnover up from £47.8m to £57.2m represented like-for-like sales growth of 16.5 per cent.

All five brands, ranging from Kaliko, the most recent, aimed at the over-30s, to Essex, catering for the elderly, chalked up double-figure percentage sales increases in the period. That is testimony not only to Alexon's sharp differentiation of its customer base, but also probably reflects the early fruits of a new design team installed last year.

Full-year profits of £7.5m would put the shares on a forward p/e of 16. The boom on the high street and prodigious cash generation fully justify that rating.

### HARRISONS & CROSFIELD: AT A GLANCE

Market value: £1.02bn, share price 143p

Trading record	Full year					Half year				
	1993	1994	1995	1995	1996	1993	1994	1995	1995	1996
Turnover (£m)	2.21	2.11	2.05	1.93	2.00	2.21	2.11	2.05	1.93	2.00
Pre-tax profits (£m)	98.0	23.7	12.0	66.4	64.0	98.0	23.7	12.0	66.4	64.0
Earnings per share (pence)	8.6	2.7	1.05	5.7	5.5	8.6	2.7	1.05	5.7	5.5
Dividends per share (pence)	9.0	9.0	9.0	3.6	3.6	9.0	9.0	9.0	3.6	3.6

Building supplies	operating profit, £m	Share price	price, pence
40	20	220	220
30	20	200	200
20	20	180	180
10	10	160	160
0	0	140	140
		120	120
		100	100
		80	80
		60	60
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Boarding another job: John Towers, third post in a month

## City diners get a chance to invest in a taste of the Orient

### PEOPLE & BUSINESS

City restaurant goers are about to be given a taste of "Asian fusion" courtesy of the Oriental Group, the Sri Siam, Sri Thai and Imperial City restaurant group which is coming to the stock market.

Michael Paterson, the former stock broker who runs the group together with Hock Ann Chua, plan to open three more restaurants in the Square Mile. One will be a Pacific Rim restaurant which will combine Chinese, Thai and Malaysian food. But the group also has big plans for "Asian Fusion"

which is Western food spiced up for the sterner palate.

With Ken Hom, the top chef, designing the menus, this is unlikely to be chicken and chips with chillies and rice. But you have been warned.

London's Regent Street could be home to a new flag ship store according to whispers in mail order circles.

Talbots, the US retail and mail order group, already has five UK stores and is looking for up to 20, including a centrepiece in London. The company's senior executives

are in town this week sizing up potential locations, with Regent Street topping the list.

Arnold B Zetche, Talbots president and chief executive officer, said: "We've thought of Bond Street and a couple of other locations but the top end of Regent Street looks interesting."

The company is also hoping to add its women's wear stores to Kensington High Street and two or three other sites. Its stores in Guildford

and Kingston-upon-Thames are performing well though the Sheffield and Manchester branches have yet to fire on all cylinders.

John Towers, the former Rover chief executive who resigned following the takeover by BMW, has landed yet another boardroom post – this third this month. He has been appointed chief executive of Concentric, the West Midlands-based engineering

group with effect from 1 October. He takes over from Robert Bruce, who is returning to the United States.

Earlier this month Mr Towers became a non-executive of B Elliott, the engineering group and the investment advisory board of Hambrs European Ventures.

Professional business women are to have their own magazine. *Professionelle* is being

launched tomorrow by the former IBM executive Hilary Owen.

A kind of *Marie Claire* meets *Fortune*, the magazine is aimed at women who run their own businesses or are working up the corporate ladder in small or large firms.

It will focus on inspirational role models as well as news and features. Cover story in the opening issue is the Crunchie Flying Circus, whatever that is.

Ms Owen has developed a mailing list of 80,000 for the first bi-monthly issue but hopes to sell the magazine on the newsstands soon.

"I just felt there was a need for a magazine for professional women. It won't trivialise things. Our message is 'Find your own potential and fulfil it.'

Nigel Cope

Eurodollar, the car rental group, has renewed its sponsorship deal with Chelsea football club.

The non-cash deal sees the Chelsea players receive free cars (the manager, Roud Gullit, chose an Audi) while Eurodollar takes advertising hoardings around the ground.

The sponsorship is more than just business for Eurodollar's managing director John Leigh. A狂热的切尔西支持者, he takes the hospitality very seriously in the Eurodollar executive box.

"If people attend, they are there to watch Chelsea as far as he is concerned," says a spokeswoman. "He doesn't try to sell them anything."

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At 20, Kate Winslet – star of *Sense and Sensibility* and *Jude* – is the only young British actress Hollywood will trust with a leading role. But, Tim de Lisle discovers, that doesn't stop her being wickedly indiscreet

Starting on Sunday... The Cultural Revolution – a ground-breaking three-week series looking at the way in which new communications technologies are changing our lives. This week: reflections on the future of art, music, cinema and literature



Chintzless wonders: a three-part guide to the best of hotel living begins with a survey of the British design-led palaces of the *Hempels* (left). *Starcks*, *Conran*, and other new grand hoteliers

Plus: Michael Bywater, Ben Pimcott, Helen Fielding

IN THIS WEEKEND'S INDEPENDENT ON SUNDAY

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## Taxpayers are still short-changed in sell-offs

Britain's experiment in privatisation is drawing to a close much as it began with a state-owned business sold off on the cheap and the investment community looking another gift horse squarely in the dentures.

Fourteen years ago, Amersham International, an obscure spin-off from the Atomic Energy Authority, first gave privatisation a bad name. The issue, surprise, surprise, was grotesquely underpriced, leading to massive over-subscription and a 37 per cent profit when dealings began for those lucky enough to have grabbed a slice of the action.

Today shares will begin trading in another spin-off from the Atomic Energy Authority, this time AEA Technology, after the offer closed seven times oversubscribed. The scope for a first-day killing may not be as large as in past privatisations, given that the institutions are not being squeezed as severely as they have in the past to make way for the share-holding public. But the intermediaries – broking firms through which the public have had to apply for shares – will only get a fifth of the shares they applied for. That, together with an undemanding prospective earnings multiple of just over 14, should make the shares fly unless PDM's Tony Dye suddenly gets what he has been praying for these past 18 months.

Amersham and AEA Technology are two businesses very similar in size. They both make a living from the commercial application of using skills and technologies honed

in the nuclear industry. They are both staffed largely by boffins whose appreciation of commercial life, at the outset of life as quoted companies at least, is limited. In fourteen years Amersham has transformed itself, proving what a handsome investment it was back in 1982. The shares have outperformed the Footsie by 200 per cent as sales and profits have increased seven-fold.

Over the same period, however, the Government's attitude to privatisation has hardly changed. True, the marketing is immeasurably more sophisticated and there is a little more effort to extract higher prices. You can argue that the efficiency gains in transferring state assets into the private sector have been enormous but you cannot argue that the taxpayer has been anything other than shortchanged when the assets have physically changed hands. If there is one difference with AEA Technology, it is that none of the directors stands to make a killing from share options. Still that shouldn't matter too much to its chief executive, Peter Watson. He is sitting on a £4m windfall from his other involvement in privatisation – the sale of Porterbrook.

### IMF puts an end to British economy myth

Economics is rich in myths and one of the most enduring myths about the British economy in recent years is that the Gov-

ernment's borrowing requirement has slipped a bit but at least it is better than the Europeans can manage. We might not want to join the single currency, but, by golly, we could if we wanted to.

This happy notion, much encouraged by Kenneth Clarke, was firmly scotched by yesterday's new set of forecasts from the International Monetary Fund. The IMF gave the UK and pretty good clear bill of health during the summer and it hasn't changed its mind. But the one critical observation it makes is that a "correction" is needed in the public finances.

The Fund is less vulnerable than the European Commission to rigging its forecasts in order to make it look as though France and Germany will meet the 3 per cent public deficit to GDP ratio needed to qualify for EMU. Then again, Washington is much further away from those overenthusiastic Paris and Bonn officials.

So the IMF can be trusted when it predicts that the French and Germans will scrape under the wire in 1997. Its economists add the caveat that there is actually a risk of public spending cuts leading to slower growth that would derail the achievement of the deficit target.

Equally they mean what they say when they forecast that the UK will not satisfy this criterion. In fact the British budget position next year will be little better than the Spanish or the Portuguese. Only the Greeks and Italians will do much worse.

In the long run the UK enjoys a much better outlook for its public finances.

It has neither a dramatically ageing population nor has it an overgenerous pension system so does not share huge "invisible" pension liabilities with the continental governments.

However, that should not permit Mr Clarke to rest on his laurels in the meantime. He has not earned them yet.

### NatWest securitisation is a brave attempt

In the United States the revenues from health club membership fees have been securitised and sold on the bond market. In Spain, the same has been done to nuclear power station subsidies.

In a more mundane way, the packaging and sale on the bond markets of mortgage interest and credit card payments and, even, the revenues from car hire purchase agreements, have become an everyday routine.

When it is carried out by banks, the usual motive is to get rid of part of the stock of loans by passing them on to securities market investors.

This frees space on the balance sheet to make new loans to bank customers.

NatWest's £3.2bn securitisation sounds the same as all the other wheezes, but in fact the bank is making a brave first attempt at opening up a new part of the market that

has not been attempted even in the US, the real home of securitisation.

Since the European market started in earnest in the mid-1980s, around £40bn of securitisation issues have been announced, but in the US, \$100bn was sold last year alone.

It has been possible for years to sell loans individually, in the so called secondary debt market. The differences is that NatWest is putting together a large number of corporate loans, and selling them in packaged form.

There are two reasons why nobody else has done it. Banks have been concerned that they will offend their customers, or encourage them to go straight to the securities market to raise cash themselves.

The margins on loans to large companies are also low, so most banks have scratched their heads and wondered whether it is worth going to the trouble of reselling them.

In the US, investors are prepared to spread their risks by buying a wide range of securitisation issues with different credit ratings. They of course have no currency risks, since it is a dollar market.

In Europe, investors tend to spread their risks in different currencies, but they demand the highest triple-A rated bonds in each.

So to get this issue away, NatWest has to get both the price and the ratings exactly right. It will not be easy.

## NatWest puts £3bn of loans on market

JILL TREANOR  
and PETER RODGERS

Bankers said yesterday that there would be a rush to securitise corporate loans by selling them on the bond market if a pioneering NatWest deal proves attractive to investors.

NatWest confirmed yesterday it was selling £3.2bn (£3.2bn) of corporate loans by repackaging them as securities, which would be offered to bond market investors.

Barclays was widely tipped in the bond markets as the next to make the move. Alan Brown, head of risk at Barclays, confirmed that the bank had studied the idea. He said: "I wouldn't rule it out but we're not in any active stages of



Bond pioneer: NatWest chief executive Derek Wanless

launching it. We've looked at the techniques. It's purely what price."

Barclays had no immediate

need to sell its loans in this way, he made clear.

But Adrian Laycock, managing director in London of Fitch Investor Services, the US credit rating agency which specialises in securitisation issues, said: "If this goes well, you can see the floodgates opening in the UK and Europe."

The deal, which will release approximately £250m of capital, will be sold to investors from the end of next month and NatWest Markets, the investment banking arm of the bank, intends to start a series of roadshows in the days ahead to line up buyers for the new securities.

Many banks have been held back from securitising corporate loans by fears of a bad reaction from customers, but NatWest

said that its new plan would make no difference to customers and their identity would not be passed on to buyers of the new securities.

The securities give investors an entitlement to the cash flow from the loans, but there is no direct relationship with the borrower. NatWest will remain the lender to the companies.

The operation is being carried out through a special purpose company, Rose Funding Group, which will take loans of up to five years' maturity made by NatWest to 300 companies and convert them into floating rate notes (FRNs) and commercial paper (CP).

Alby Cator, managing director of European primary markets at NatWest, said the 300 loans

were a "representative sample of NatWest's lending portfolio to large corporate customers".

Rose will issue the paper in different tranches with different ratings, ranging from high investment grade to no rating at all. These ratings are not based on the creditworthiness of the borrowers but are simply a reflection of the amount of additional security provided by NatWest for each type of bond.

The special purpose company will be provided with additional guarantees and capital to increase the creditworthiness of the paper it issues.

It took NatWest Markets just over a year to produce the idea, which was prompted by a desire to increase the return on its corporate loans, where

profit margins have shrunk to rock bottom levels because of tough competition.

Most loans to large companies are made as loss leaders, in the hope of selling fee paying services to the same customers. Unprofitable lending to large companies is a problem shared by most banks.

NatWest hopes that if Rose is successful in selling the securitised debt it will be used to carry out the same operation for other banks.

NatWest said it had no immediate plans for the approximately £250m of capital which will be released through the deal, although it was prepared to consider another share buy-back on top of the £450m it bought back earlier this year.

### IN BRIEF

• Crédit Lyonnais is to receive Fr3.9bn (£487m) in emergency aid from the French government. Finance Minister Jean Arthuis confirmed yesterday. The figure had already been put forward by the European Commission, which said earlier today it approved the emergency plan. Mr Arthuis said the sum corresponded to the cost to Crédit Lyonnais in 1995 and 1996 of a loan it made to cover the costs of moving doubtful assets into a separate structure as part of a 1995 rescue plan. Mr Arthuis also said that the government is preparing a new recovery plan to come into effect quickly "so that this institution can be made competitive" with a view to privatisation "as soon as possible".

• Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries said sales growth is strong and capital investment on the existing estate and new pubs and sites has continued. Margins continue to be under pressure in the wholesale business, but are slightly higher in the second half than in the first six months. Retail margins improved in the second half but operation costs are higher than last year, reflecting investment in higher service standards, the company said. The company said trading over the summer months has been strong, with turnover in the year to date up 7.4 per cent. This compares with growth of 6.1 per cent for continuing businesses in the first 26 weeks of the financial year ended 29 September 1996. Based on management accounts for the first 47 weeks of the year, the company said beer and cider volumes overall are up 1.7 per cent, the same as in the first half, despite comparison in the second half with the "exceptional" summer of 1995.

• Hanson said shareholders approved "overwhelmingly" the demerger of Millennium Chemicals and Imperial Tobacco at the extraordinary general meeting today. The demergers leave only the spin-off of Hanson's Peabody Coal to Eastern Group energy division next January to complete the four-way break-up of the underperforming conglomerate.

• AT&T said it has agreed to sell its Skynet Satellite Services unit to the US technology company Loral Space & Communications for \$712.5m (£456m) in cash. AT&T spokesman Bob Aquilina said the sale of Skynet, a satellite operator that specialises in entertainment and educational programme distribution, is part of a change in strategy at the group, which yesterday issued a warning on earnings. "AT&T's strategy is to take advantage of the opportunities opened up by the new telecommunications regulation by focusing on our core businesses," Mr Aquilina said. Loral said it expects Skynet's purchase, which will hinge on Federal Communications Commission and Federal Trade Commission approval, to enhance its pre-tax earnings in 1998 and contribute about \$30m to pre-tax profits that year.

• Brake Bros, the catering food distributors, said it was ready to take advantage of growth opportunities, aided by the strength of the balance sheet. The group unveiled pre-tax profits up from £1.6m to £12.4m in the first half to June and is raising the interim dividend by 7.4 per cent to 2.9p. Sales jumped from £214m to £296m. The company said its Larderfresh business is moving towards profitability as sales continue to grow. Meanwhile, the acquisition of Vermees was "another significant move" in the development of the business in France.

• Scottish Television said it had extended the date on which its bid for Caledonian Publishing must become unconditional in all respects to 18 October. Scottish said both the Office of Fair Trading and the Independent Television Commission had indicated that they will have concluded their inquiries by that date.

• Helical Bar, the property group, said it was well placed to outperform the sector through its development programme of strategically placed office schemes and out of town retail and leisure parks. The aim over the next year would be to build an increasing flow of development profits from a small equity exposure and increase cash resources by degearing its investment portfolio, the company said. Pre-tax profits just edged ahead from £4.25m to £4.36m in the six months to July, despite a 6.5 per cent rise in turnover to £45.7m. The half-year dividend rises from 2.9p to 3.15p.

• Peptide Therapeutics, the biotechnology group, has won a patent for its bacteriophage display technology from the European Patent Office. The patent covers the display of multiple copies of peptides on the surface of bacterial viruses, known as bacteriophages. The technology is expected to provide considerable revenue through collaboration and licensing agreements, the company said.



Knight: 'You can't regulate to prevent somebody behaving irresponsibly' Photograph: FT

decreased red tape "it would be misconceived to believe that the impact of deregulation will be less regulation".

There will be a reduction in the number of detailed rules companies have to obey. But in return, firms will have to reinforce their own internal control systems to prevent abuse of customers, and there will be much more intensive monitoring of these systems by the regulators and probably no reduction in the overall burden of regulation on the City.

Mrs Knight was speaking with Roger Freeman, the deregulation minister, at a seminar at which City firms were invited by the Government to give their views on how the burden of regulation could be lowered. The participants gave the ministers a shopping list of 21 changes and Mr Freeman promised a reply within a month, saying the Government "will, wherever practicable, act on them".

Among the proposals from the City were to give companies more discretion in fact finding about customers, to allow financial salesmen scope to give limited rather than comprehensive advice and to put more effort into educating consumers about their finances.

Nobody on the floor raised the question of Deutsche Morgan Grenfell and Mrs Knight

believed that if the participants felt it was significant for the whole of the regulatory regime, the question would have been raised.

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## SHARE SPOTLIGHT

share price, pence

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Kwik Save

Source: Datastream

## Kwik Save may have been left on the shelf too long

Shares of Kwik Save, the nation's largest food discounter, collapsed 25p to 341.5p, their lowest since 1988.

Paul Smiddy, the retail analyst at Credit Lyonnais Laing, did the damage. With the stock market already uneasy about the chain's prospects, his view that Kwik Save could be forced to reposition itself as a neighbourhood stores operation touched a raw nerve.

Such a development would prompt an upheaval. Many stores would have to be closed, decimating profits for the year just ended.

Difficult trading has encouraged Mr Smiddy to cut his forecast for the year ended last month to £31m, down £5m. But he frets about exceptional costs from any round of closures. If Kwik Save does hit the buffers, let's hope it could cost £65m. For this year he is looking for £74m.

It is all a far cry from Kwik

Save's halcyon days when the shares nudged 850p and profits topped £135m.

Then the market was tantalised by bid stories. Would one of the Continental groups which have arrived in this country strike or would Dairy Farm, the Hong Kong group with nearly 30 per cent of the capital, decide to bid for full control?

Nowadays the market would no doubt be prepared to accept an offer at say 400p, with open arms. After its dismal record the company is friendless with many of its institutional shareholders hanging on hoping, without too much conviction, trading will improve.

Kwik Save's operations are caught between the growing power of the supermarkets, with their budget ranges, and the increasing strength of the Continental invaders.

For a long while the possi-



## MARKET REPORT

DEREK PAIN

Stock market reporter

of the year

bility Dairy Farm would look upon Kwik Save as its exit from Hong Kong buoyed the shares. But Dairy Farm has pointedly refused to keep the pressure on the group and would appear to be content to soldier on under the Chinese yoke.

The rest of the market enjoyed a swift upturn as fears of higher interest rates receded following the US decision to leave rates unchanged.

The FT-SE 100 index rose 25.2 points to 3,935.7 with P&amp;O, after its reverse on Monday following fears of Brussels' interference in its container ship merger with Nedlloyd, the Dutch group, leading the way. Stockbroker Panmure

warning from a US chemical group, falling 8p to 820.5p.

Vodafone, off 3p to 219p, was the subject of heavy trading with Barclays de Zoete Wedd said to have undertaken a 19 million institutional deal at 215p, realising a 3p a share profit.

Granada, after its presentation and more expressions of interest in its trophy hotels, fell a further 12p to 85.8p.

Insurances remained active with Legal &amp; General pushing ahead a further 9p to 794p on hopes of corporate action. BT fell 5p to 36.25p on reports it planned to mop up the Celent state owned by Securicor, up 5.5p to 270p.

Manson fell 4p to 152.25p, a 12-month low. New York grey market trading in its Millennium Chemicals tie-off made a poor start.

Chiroscience, with talk of a Glaxo Wellcome bid, rose 13p to 370.5p. Senior Engineering,

said to be a possible target for TI Group, improved 5.5p to 115p, a 12-month high.

BTG gave way to profit taking, falling 50p to 2,175p and Matthew Clark, the hard-pressed cider maker, lost a further 13p to 330.5p.

The arrival of John Towers, ex-Rover Group, as chief executive, pushed Conecetric, the engineer, 27.5p higher to 197p.

Courtyard Leisure, a London wine bar business which has failed to sparkle since Roderick Sutherland, an ex-stockbroker, and Richard Capper acquired nearly 30 per cent, put on 1.25p to 13.25p.

Messrs Sutherland and Capper run the Drum and Monkey bar/bistro chain. They intend to change the company's name to Pemberton Group, move its shares to AIM, and pump the Drum and Monkey operation into the business.

■ Weeks, an environmental and engineering consultant, made a lively debut, countering stories the AIM market has run out of steam. Placed at 5p by stockbroker Ellis &amp; Partners the shares, in often busy trading, ended at 7p. The company, founded by Dr Alan Weeks 24 years ago, intends to use its market muscle for acquisitions. It made profits of £723,000 last year and should judge £1m this year.

■ St David's Investment Trust, a split-capital fund managed by ex-Slater Walker man Brian Gulliford Investment Management, is thinking of a restructuring and extended life. The trust is due to die in two years. A new company is likely to be formed to bid for St David's three classes of share. The trust has performed well since it was created.

Share Price Data

Prices are in sterling except where stated. The yield is last year's dividend, grossed up by 20 per cent, as a percentage of the share price. The price/earnings (P/E) ratio is the share price divided by last year's earnings per share, excluding exceptional items. Other details: Ex rights x Ex-dividends x AIM Market x Suspended x Party held pm N/Paid Shares + AIM Stock

Source: FT Information

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Market leaders: Top 20 volumes

Stock	Volume	Stock	Volume	Stock	Volume
Motors	450,000	BT	120,000	British Energy	62,000
Gascoyne	220,000	British Steel	90,000	Pruferid	50,000
Shell Transport	180,000	BP	70,000	Scottish Power	40,000
BP	160,000	BTI	70,000	Gascoyne	40,000
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BP	120,000	Lynd 750	50,000	Barclays	40,000

FT-SE 100 Index hour by hour

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## Sport

## Sad sight of a great figure reaching forlornly for what used to be

When an ill-tempered filly booted Willie Carson in the stomach at Newbury last week, sending him 12 feet into the air and splitting his liver, people said that it was no sort of risk for a middle-aged man to be taking.

Probably, they are right, but try telling that to Carson. "So I'm going to be 54 in November. So what," you can imagine him saying.

Time waits for no athlete, and by his own marvellous standards - last season Carson brought in a century of winners for the 23rd time in 25 years - the total of 52 recorded before Meshed lashed out at him had already prompted thoughts of retirement.

That the splendid veteran might easily have lost his life in the Newbury parade ring adds greatly to the

concern raised by a bad fall at Newmarket and quite startling errors in riding.

We can be sure, however, that any attempt to coax Carson out of the saddle would be an ear-burning experience. What we are talking about here is not so much a driven man as one trying to fend off the curse of anticlimax.

Carson knows that, no matter what the rest of his life holds, he will never find more joy than had from race riding. "There is nothing better in football than playing," Bill Shankly said.

In retirement, one of the greatest baseball players in history, Mickey Mantle, said: "I loved it. Nobody could have loved playing ball as much as me. The hair comes up on the back of my neck when I think

about it. I get goose bumps. And I remember how it was and how I used to think that it would always be that way."

It passes so quickly, you see, the cheers like thunder, the dark devil's wine of fame. Then it's over and they can't believe it's done. Long after the performance, when the old players think seriously, they realize that they have become obsolete at an age when most men are moving towards their prime.

Better to hang on than step out too soon? Maybe, but the onset of nostalgia is inevitable. At the passing of an old footballer whose later life had been filled with memories of the long ago, someone wrote: "He didn't die this week. He died on the day he had to stop playing."

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KEN JONES  
That is the land of lost content, I  
see it shining plain,  
The happy highways where I went  
And cannot come again.  
A E Housman

In their determination to hang on, some delude themselves. "If

Danny Blanchflower is nearby when you get the ball, run past him," Matt Busby said to his players at Manchester United when it was obvious that the great career of Tottenham Hotspur's captain was almost over.

Blanchflower's brain was still sharp but he no longer had the legs. It turned out to be his last competitive match. "I think Tottenham acted prematurely," he said many years later. Pele was still strong and supple at 34 but, in 1974, he resisted the temptation of making a fifth appearance in World Cup finals. "Nobody loves football more," I remember him saying one night in Brazil, "but another World Cup is too much."

A couple of days after Ray Wilkins ceased to be the player-

manager of Queen's Park Rangers, he turned out for Wycombe Wanderers. At 40 years old, Wilkins simply cannot give up playing. Stanley Matthews turned out for Stoke City at 50. Billy Meredith of Manchester United at the same age.

Last week, Graham Gooch, 43, was named batsman of the year. "Nothing much has changed," he said. "It's still me against the 11 guys who are trying to get me out."

The sadness in all this is when you see a great figure reaching forlornly for what used to be. Usually because of financial imperatives, it often happens in boxing. Terry Downes was once asked how it felt to defeat Sugar Ray Robinson, who is regarded as the greatest fighter, pound for pound, in history. "I

didn't," Downes said. "I only beat some guy who called himself by that name." When Robinson lost to Downes, he was 43 and in serious financial difficulty.

Similar circumstances forced the former world lightweight champion, Ken Buchanan, to take a contest in London against an opponent he could once beaten blindfolded. Buchanan lost on points. "Just one more time," he said in the dressing-room afterwards. "Just one more time."

Whether Carson chooses to continue may depend on the medical advice he is given. "I think that Willie's time has come," somebody who knows him well said this week. "He should give it up. But the tough little sod thinks probably that he can go on riding for ever."

## Lewis set to face McCall for world title

### Boxing

Mike Tyson has given up his World Boxing Council heavyweight title - clearing the way for Britain's Lennox Lewis to regain the crown he lost two years ago.

The WBC declared the heavyweight title vacant and said they would be calling for purse offers for a title fight between Lewis and the American, Oliver McCall. Lewis's manager, Frank Maloney, is hoping to bring the fight to London in November - giving Lewis the chance to avenge the WBC title defeat he suffered to McCall inside two rounds at Wembley in September 1994.

Lewis's chance comes courtesy of Tyson's decision to take on Bruce Seldon for the World Boxing Association title before the official WBC challenger, Lewis. Tyson's promoter, Don King, had paid Lewis £2.6m to step aside and agreed that Tyson's WBC belt would not be on the line against Seldon in their 7 September bout, which Tyson won in the first round.

Tyson is scheduled to defend his WBA title against the former undisputed champion, Evander Holyfield, on 9 November in Las Vegas. But, if Lewis beats McCall, Maloney believes a title bout with Tyson could still take place.

## Lions pass opening test in Highlands

### Rugby League

DAVE HADFIELD  
reports from Mount Hagen,  
Papua New Guinea  
PNG President's XIII  
Great Britain

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Great Britain overcame the problems of playing in the Highlands of Papua New Guinea to get their tour off to a convincing start yesterday.

A side with little international experience did a solid and confident job against an enterprising President's XIII - effectively the Kumuls' second team - in Mount Hagen. Rugby is never easy in the Highlands, but the Lions coped admirably with the thin air and temperatures that tested the fitness of players, many of whom have not had a match for more than a month.

It was almost too straightforward in the opening exchanges. Before Great Britain had even needed to stop for their first drink or gulp of oxygen, their captain Daryl Powell's pass had sent in his former Shefford team-mate Keith Senior. Great Britain went 10-0 ahead thanks to Karl Hammond's short pass to David Brad-

bury. It was all in keeping with the day's hectic schedule, which involved flying out of the Highlands for the game and dashing back to the airport to catch the last flight before nightfall.

After that initial flourish, there was never much doubt that the Lions would be departing with a win under their belt, although their coach, Phil Larder, noted that complacency crept into their play before half-time.

The President's XIII were always looking to throw the ball around and some excellent handling gained its reward when Chris Itam went in at the corner despite the efforts of Hammond and Steve Prescott to force him into touch.

Great Britain had four tries disallowed, one by James Lowes for no discernible reason, before they took control of the game.

Hammond sent Barrie-Jon Mather striding away and then did well to support him on the outside to score. Lowes then made up for his disallowed efforts with Powell, Bradbury and Rowland Phillips, who will make Larder think seriously about the fine-tuning of the Test side to play Papua New Guinea in Lae on Saturday.

PRESIDENT'S XIII: John Tia, Mosika, Paka, Tomi Baka, Mati Sora, Daniel, Bato, Alu, Nona, Tia, Koyanen, Sana.

GREAT BRITAIN: Powell (St Helens), Roper (Warrington), Mattice (Western Reds), Semon (Sheffield), Critchley (Keighley), Powell (Warrington), Semon (Sheffield), Powell (Warrington), Lowes (Bradford), Bradbury (Oldham), Cassidy (Wigan), Hurrell (Salford), Subbotin (Salford), McLean (Lancaster), McLean (Lancaster), McLean (Lancaster), Phillips (Warrington). Referee: T Kuri (Port Moresby).



Great Britain's Barrie-Jon Mather shapes to offload while under pressure yesterday

Photograph: Victoria Matthers

THE INDEPENDENT

### GRAND PRIX '96 RACE SCHEDULE

Japanese GP  
October 13

### Overall Top 50 Dream Teams

Twenty-nine teams are in joint 1st position with 621 points; twenty-one teams are in joint 2nd position with 617 points

1 The Pits  
1 Pippa's Pole  
Positioners  
1 Al A Carte  
1 GR1  
1 KBS Team Lightning  
Sherbie's Stars  
1 Sky Clad  
1 Tony's Omega One  
1 Robin 1  
1 The Pilkington Formula 1  
1 Catch Me One  
1 French Flyers  
1 Panivile  
1 They Think It's All Over F1  
1 Kwest International  
1 Wright Off  
1 Reliant  
1 Southern Sharks 3  
1 The Tiger Hobbes Team  
1 Tamar Racing  
1 Murrayfield Machines  
1 Ben Hur Racing  
1 Tortoise  
1 Johnny Fives Super Team  
1 BJB & H  
1 Hubbers  
1 Newman's Own  
1 Nice One Tyrell  
1 Team A La Carte  
2 Jumpin Jacks  
2 Bilbie Racing  
2 Maddisons  
2 Crisp Ons  
2 The Forty Oners  
2 Elfuleths  
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2 Farahs  
2 Gordy G1s  
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2 Herb's Flyers  
2 Dan's Reckless Racers  
2 Sinekley Formula 1  
2 Peanjuice  
2 The Dare Devils  
2 Dream Machines  
2 Harvey  
2 God's Son  
2 Bishand's Bangers  
2 I'm Alright Jacques

## FORMULA 1 DREAM TEAM F1

### The latest scores and results

So it goes down to the wire for Damon Hill and Jacques Villeneuve in Japan in two and a half weeks, and the number of Dream Team Managers with maximum scores dwindles still further: hang on for a nerve-wracking finish, and an extremely early morning if you want to catch the final action of the season live.

Sunday's race appeared to hinge on two pit-stops: the final visits of Hill and Villeneuve, and if Dream Team managers were able to recruit pit crews as well as drivers, Villeneuve's mechanics would be in demand. They got their man back on the track a crucial fraction of a second ahead of his world-championship-leading team-mate, and the young French Canadian was never headed again.

But as Hill admitted, with typical candour, he was short of speed on the track as well as in the pits. In the early stages of the race, with a comfortable lead and his only championship rival stuck in fourth place, the Englishman was in an ideal position to seal the title. But he was delayed by back-markers, Villeneuve pulled off a staggering move to get past Schumacher, and Hill's chance had gone.

Behind the Williams pair, the



Jacques Villeneuve on the way to victory at the Portuguese Grand Prix. Dream Team scores were, for once, rather predictable, with Ferrari and Benetton both getting both drivers to the finish in what was an unusually easy race on reliability.

McLaren's drivers blotted their copy books by managing to drive

into each other on one of Estoril's slower corners, an achievement that is unlikely to have gone unnoticed by Ron Dennis, the forthright team manager.

Further down the field, Jos Verstappen, an outstandingly bad guy in Dream Team terms, was

once again upstaged by his steady, unexciting team-mate, the young Brazilian Ricardo Rosset, and Pedro Lamy picked up Dream Team points at his home grand prix, despite forgetting to start the race at the same time as everyone else.

### Grand Prix Shopping List

#### POINTS SCORED

DRIVERS	POINTS	CHASSIS	POINTS	ENGINES	POINTS
625m	26	£20m	40	£26m	14
1 M Schumacher	26	41 Williams	20	51 Renault	20
623m	25	42 Ferrari	16	52 Ferrari	154
2 J Alesi	24	43 McLaren	15	53 Mercedes	2
3 D Hill	24	44 Sauber	13	54 Peugeot	165
420m	24	45 Jordan	7	55 Mugen	62
4 G Berger	12	46 Ligier	7	56 Arrows	3
418m	12	47 Tyrrell	0	57 Williams	0
5 D Coulthard	5	48 Arrows	0	58 Honda	0
6 E Irvine	5	49 Masiadi	0	59 Ford	0
7 J Villeneuve	5	50 Ford	0		
513m	5				
8 M Hakkinen	2				
9 H H Frentzen	4				
510m	1				
10 M Brundle	1				
11 R Barrichello	5				
12 J Herbert	4				
26m	2				
13 M Salo	2				
14 P Lamy	3				
24m	4				
15 P Diniz	4				
16 U Katayama	2				
17 J Verstappen	3				
18 O Paris	5				
23m	0				
19 L Badger	0				
20 R Rosset	3				
21 A Montemini	0				
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22 G Fisichella	0				
23 V Spesia	0				
24 T Marques	0				
25 F Lagorce	0				
26 H Noda	0				
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28 M Blundell	0				
29 J-C Bouillon	0				
30 K Brack	0				
31 K Burt	0				
32 E Collard	0				
33 N Fontaine	0				
34 D Franchitti	0				
35 N Larini	0				
36 J Magnussen	0				
37 A Prost	0				
38 G Tarquini	0				
39 K Wendlinger	0				

No quibbles at all about this award: the young French Canadian dominated proceedings at Estoril in a way that he has never done before: so far in his brief career at the top level, his more experienced team-mate had no answer to his sheer speed, and his overtaking manoeuvre on Michael Schumacher - around the outside at the high-speed Parabolica corner - will not be forgotten by any who witnessed it, and certainly not by Schumacher.

The most impressive thing about the move

# High Summer's festival hinges on wind and rain

## Racing

RICHARD EDMONDSON

Several undergraduates at Bristol University last week may have been questioning if they had spent too much time in the union bar. Neither was it a rag week prank when a thoroughbred horse was spotted galloping on a treadmill, with a tube down its neck, near the main Langford precinct.

The beast was High Summer, the promising if breathless filly trained by Roger Charlton, who was at the university's equine and sports medicine centre to have a wind problem analysed.

When she is under severe pressure, High Summer's pantings can be heard from several counties away, but, following tests, experts and connections at Beckhampton now seem happy to let the daughter of Nureyev take her chance in the Tote Festival Handicap at Ascot's Festival on Saturday.

Given the entries in her medical log book, it will astonish some that High Summer is down to as low as 3-1 for one

of the calendar's most competitive handicaps. On the credit side, however, the chestnut goes into battle off a mark 20lb lower than she will be asked to carry in future handicaps. Not that she will ever run in one again. "I have nothing to lose in running her as she is unlikely to go for another handicap," Charlton said yesterday. "She has got a huge amount of tal-

RICHARD EDMONDSON  
NAP: Bold Oriental (Goodwood 2.30)  
NB: Private Song (Chester 4.20)

ent and I had her entered in Classics for that very reason. If the handicapper is right, she has an outstanding chance of winning a valuable prize, but I don't want people whooshing in thinking that this is money for old rope."

"We've had to live with her wind problem for a long time and tying her tongue down doesn't cure the problem, it just alleviates it. The problem with this type of thing is that if you don't get oxygen to the engine

then you don't get the petrol. If some horses have an asthmatic problem like this, it can affect their thinking. If she starts thinking about her breathing, she could ruin her race before she has even started. You can't blame her with a psychological problem like that or in decided ones that stop when things start going wrong."

High Summer is to be troubling High Summer at Doocaster last time, though, when she finished second in a Listed race to My Branch. On that form she should win this weekend even if allowed a single breath. It may be instructive that Charlton no longer thinks of the filly's physical defect as a barrier to success on Saturday. He is more concerned that the mount of Tim Sprake may be inconvenienced by the ground.

"We're dealing with a filly who ideally wants an easy seven furlongs, so we don't want the ground too soft," he said. "I wouldn't think twice about taking her out at three o'clock on Saturday if the conditions weren't right. The overriding interest is her well-being."

Timarida is another filly with

problems. Connections are never quite sure in which country they would like her to win. It now seems the four-year-old will miss the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and try instead to add Britain to the list of France, Germany, Canada, the United States and Ireland as destinations where she has been successful. Newmarket is the latest course to receive a peg on the world map at John Oxx's Curragh yard in Ireland.

A spokeswoman for the stable said yesterday: "Timarida's target will be the Champion Stakes with John Murtagh. It has been decided that her pedigree is not suitable for tackling the Arc."

Timarida's defection lessens the prospect of the Arc leaving home territory still further following the withdrawal on Tuesday of Paul Cole's Riyadhan. Her owner, the Agha Khan, who won the event with Akiyda in 1982, is not totally without representation, however. Bahhare, favourite for the 1997 2,000 Guineas, is to be the winter in Dubai. The unbeaten colt is expected to leave John Dunlop's Sussex yard in the next few weeks as part of a team of up to 20 two-year-olds owned by Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum.

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Chariton: has talented filly

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## ASCOT - SATURDAY Festival Handicap (7f)

Horse (Trainer/breeder)	Court	Weight	HHR	Ladolores	Total
High Summer (R Charlton/7c13b)	3-1	7-2	4-1	4-1	
Prince Bazaar (J Banks/2c12b)	8-1	8-1	8-1	9-3	
Stevie Edie (H Temple/9c10b)	8-1	12-1	8-1	9-2	
Decorated Horse (J Godwin/8c11b)	14-1	12-1	12-1	14-1	
Yeast (W Haskett/9b10b)	10-1	11-1	9-1	14-3	
H2 Head (M Camacho/9c12b)	16-1	18-1	14-1	14-3	
Ramsey (B Hartung/9c10b)	16-1	14-1	14-1	14-3	
Consort (G Haworth/9c11b)	14-1	16-1	16-1	16-3	
Bold Effort (K C-Brown/9d)	20-1	20-1	20-1	20-3	
Celestial Kev (M Johnson/9c10b)	20-1	20-1	20-1	20-3	
Forest Cat (Mrs J Dool/9c10b)	20-1	20-1	20-1	20-3	
Jewel Lady (Hermes/9c10b)	16-1	18-1	16-1	16-3	
Kaytee (D Haworth/9c11b)	16-1	16-1	20-1	20-3	
Multiflower (P Hester/9c10b)	20-1	20-1	20-1	20-3	
Primo Love (P Hynes/9c10b)	16-1	20-1	20-1	20-3	
Double Dancer (P McNamee/9c10b)	20-1	20-1	18-1	25-1	
Gold State (M Stover/9c10b)	20-1	22-1	20-1	20-3	
Green Barrier (M Johnson/9c10b)	20-1	20-1	20-1	20-3	
Rosetta Music (G Kelleway/9c10b)	20-1	20-1	20-1	20-3	
Albionhill (E Durkin/9c10b)	20-1	20-1	20-1	20-3	
My Best Valentine (J White/9c10b)	25-1	25-1	25-1	25-1	
Moments of Praise (H Hartung/9c10b)	23-1	25-1	20-1	23-1	
My Galaxy (A Baker/9c10b)	25-1	25-1	26-1	23-1	
Grey Mule (S Hart/9c10b)	23-1	23-1	23-1	23-1	
Unconditional Love (M Johnson/9c10b)	25-1	23-1	26-1	25-1	
Patsy Grimes (J Moore/9c10b)	23-1	23-1	24-1	24-1	
World Presser (G Simm/9c10b)	23-1	23-1	20-1	23-1	
Sabot (B Hilly/9c10b)	23-1	23-1	20-1	23-1	
Mountaineer (M Blackby/7s10b)	50-1	50-1	50-1	50-1	
Quesenberger (G L Moore/9c10b)	50-1	50-1	50-1	50-1	
Gannock Valley (J Berry/7s10b)	50-1	66-1	50-1	50-1	

NOT: Only 30 can run. Each-way a quarter the odds, places 1, 2, 3, 4.

## Lehman aiming to be first past post

### Golf

ANDY FARRELL

reports from Co Kildare

Tom Lehman may have won the Open at Royal Lytham in July, but it took a little time for the post office in Scottsdale, Arizona, to make the connection. The fact that he was receiving 40 letters a day should give

to someone the hint.

But the one missing Lehman was missing was that containing his winner's cheque for £200,000. It was delivered to a nearby address. "It was four blocks away and someone thought it was his lucky day," Lehman said. "It was returned, but then it sat around the post office for a while."

Meanwhile, the Lehman family got on to the Royal & Ancient and a replacement was sent out. It arrived on the same day as the original. "It worked out well because I was able to frame one cheque and cash the other."

This week, Lehman is hoping to add the Smurfit European Open to his British title. The event is being played at the Arnold Palmer-designed K Club, 18 miles south-west of Duhlin. Lehman played last year, finishing ninth, amid the celebrations of Philip Walton's heroic deeds when Europe won the Ryder Cup the week before.

This time, Lehman arrives on the back of an American victory over the International team in the President's Cup.

Bernhard Langer is the defending champion after holing a 75-foot eagle putt at the last to get into a play-off with Barry Lane. The German then holed from 20 feet at the second extra hole for his 34th – and most recent – European tour victory. His wins date back to 1980, but if he is to match Seve Ballesteros' record of winning for 17 years in a row, he needs to succeed with his new long putter.

Langer used the implement for the first time in the Lancome Trophy and did not take three putts once. "And I did not miss anything from four or five feet," he said. "This putter can help me get my confidence back. If I get the opportunity to win, I know how to do it."

Langer, with Nick Faldo, has passed the 45m mark in four prize winnings, and Colin Montgomerie can join them with a first or second place this week. The Scot is now £140,000 ahead of his money-list rival, Ian Woosnam. The Welshman is also present, but his chances of overtaking Monty are running out.

They may have run out for third-placed Robert Allenby, who has strained ligaments in his left ankle after a fall at the end of the Loch Lomond World Invitational.

## Warne out of tour of India

### Cricket

Shane Warne has been forced out of Australia's tour of India, while Mark Taylor confirmed that he will captain the side.

Warne's recovery has been slower than expected after surgery on his bowler's finger. The leg-spinner has been replaced by South Australia's Peter McIntyre in the 14-man squad, which flies out on Tuesday.

India's Cricket Control Board has sacked the team manager, Sandip Patil, after the side's recent disappointing performances. Midian Lal, the former Test all-rounder, has been appointed as Patil's replacement.

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The number of points Chris Wilkinson, the British No 4, needed to play in a second-set tie-break before beating Russia's Alexey Gavrilov 6-4, 7-6 (18-16) in the first round of the LTA Autumn Satellite Tournament at Telford yesterday.

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## sport

RUGBY UNION: Rowell finally gets his preparations under way but maintains mystery over his choice of leader

## England's captain kept secret

DAVID LLEWELLYN

Jack Rowell has decided who the next England captain is to be in succession to Will Carling, but neither the player nor the Rugby Football Union has been informed.

The England coach, who revealed that he and the rest of his management team had decided the captaincy issue a week ago, explained yet another bizarre turn of events in the crazy world of rugby union by saying: "We have selected a captain and as soon as the conflict between English Professional Rugby Union Clubs and the RFU is resolved I will name him."

"Until then only the England management know the player's identity," Rowell added. "I have not told the player and it has not yet been cleared with the rugby union, nor indeed with the president, John Richardson, himself. I feel it would be invidious to appoint this man at the moment. I feel he may possibly get caught up in some crossfire and that would not do English rugby any good. I would not like a future captain to be caught up in it. I just hope the differences between Epruc and the RFU can be resolved as quickly as possible for the good of the game."

Rowell's heartfelt desire may well come true following publication of a leaked letter from the RFU secretary, Tony Hall, to the Epruc chairman, Donald Kerr, that Twickenham is proposing a series of payments to the clubs. These would include 10 per cent of all gate revenue from international matches at Twickenham plus an annual sum of around £500,000 as well as a one-off payment of £50,000 to help in the cost of setting up Epruc administratively.

Hall sent the letter with the full knowledge of the RFU committee and such a concession by Twickenham, provided Epruc are satisfied, should en-

sure a speedy conclusion to a wrangle that has dragged on since the winter and has unfortunately embroiled the England players. They reluctantly boycotted the first of Rowell's squad sessions while the RFU were forced to cancel the second two weeks ago to avoid a confrontation with the players.

So it was no surprise yesterday to hear Rowell in upbeat mood. He said: "Today was very enjoyable. A very uplifting and refreshing day, including the attitude of the players. We are just relieved to be together."

One of the chief reasons for Rowell's happiness was that all 45 players turned up, even the half dozen or so who could not take part because of niggling injuries. These included Carling, who aggravated the Achilles tendon injury he suffered in his final appearance as England captain against Ireland last spring.

"It felt as though it might go at any time," said the Harlequins centre, "but it was great to be back with the squad."

Carling had been overlooked when the two previous squads were named as was Jeremy Guscott his England centre partner. Although Guscott began the 90-minute session, he was one of 15 players who were on the sidelines by the end of the workout. Since Bath have dropped him for the trip to West Hartlepool on Saturday in favour of the rugby league recruit Henry Paul, Guscott should have plenty of time to recover.

Rowell did express a certain amount of anxiety since England's first international against Italy is looming less than two months away on 23 November. Rowell said: "It has become a case of 'catch-up' on training. There is a lot of work to be done in a very short time."

The England coach said he might draft in more players for his next squad get-together on 9 October to ensure he has enough bodies remaining.



Grappling iron: Jeremy Guscott gets to grips with tackling practice at England training yesterday

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**I'm Alright Jacques**

## McAteer asks for patient approach

Football

RUPERT METCALF

After a night when Aston Villa were unimaginative ambassadors for English football, and Newcastle United failed to impress even though they made progress, Liverpool have the chance tonight to show how to deal with part-time players from Scandinavia.

The Finnish side, MyPa-47, arrive at Anfield to take on the daunting task of trying to overturn a 1-0 deficit from the first leg of this Cup-Winners' Cup first-round tie in Antalya last night.

There are no easy games in this competition. No team is a pushover any more," McAteer said. "We have to try and get an early goal. That might just put them down in the dumps."

Patrik Berger, the Czech international playmaker, seems certain to retain his place against the Finns after scoring four goals in the space of a week. The Liverpool manager, Roy Evans, has a fully fit 18-man squad to choose from. "We have to be sensible; for this is a tough game and our attitude has got to be right," Evans said. "But we have the bonus of the away goals rule, so we don't have to go chasing the game."

The MyPa-47 coach, Harry Kamppi, knows his team face an uphill task. "I believe Liverpool could be as good as Ajax," he said. "They have good, fast players and are well disciplined and well organised."

Meanwhile, the Aston Villa manager, Brian Little, was yesterday attempting to pick up the pieces today after his side slid out of the Uefa Cup in Sweden on Tuesday. Villa drew 0-0 at Helsingborgs but went out on the away-goals rule after a 1-1 draw in Birmingham.

"The shame is that we are not going to get an opportunity this season to learn from that, and a lot of people will be critical of us after this," Little said. "But, in football and life in general, you need a few hard days to teach you to enjoy the good days. Everyone was down afterwards and we will have spent a few hours wallowing in our disappointment. That teaches you something."

Doug Ellis, the Villa chairman, described it as "the worse night I've experienced in terms of Europe since coming to the club 28 years ago." However, he insisted that Little will not suffer the same fate as Ron Atkinson, who was removed by Ellis from the Villa Park manager's job soon after a Uefa Cup defeat to Trabzonspor two years ago. "We have the best manager that I can remember in Brian and I have had seven previous ones," Ellis said.

Unlike Villa, Newcastle had made home advantage pay in the first leg with a 4-0 win over Halmstad so, despite a 2-1 defeat in Sweden, they reached the second round of the Uefa Cup. "Our attitude was disappointing," Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, said. "We didn't do ourselves any favours and we got what we deserved."

## Wallabies name squad

The Australian Rugby Union yesterday named five uncapped players - all forwards - in their 30-man squad for their eight-week tour of Europe.

Australia arrive in Italy on 15 October at the start of a tour which also includes Tests against Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The ARU are still hoping a Test match against England will be added to the British leg so the Wallabies can play their first Grand Slam of matches against the four Home Unions since 1984, when they completed the clean sweep. New Zealand secured the first Grand Slam six years previously.

Australia first suggested 7 December as the date for the England Test, but the Four Home Unions' tour committee rejected that date because it clashed with a match against the Barbarians at Twickenham. The ARU has now suggested either 2 November or 16 November as alternative dates for an England Test, and said they would consider cancelling the Test match against Wales at Cardiff on 1 December if those dates were rejected.

Australia added the Test against Wales to their original tour schedule after a request from Welsh officials. "A Test against England at Twickenham is still a possibility and an announcement is expected in the next few days," a statement released by the ARU said.

The Wallabies' coach, Greg Smith, said the squad would be increased to 32 if the England Test went ahead, with the forwards Tim Gavin and Euan

McKenzie the players that would be added. Gavin and McKenzie were overlooked when selectors announced their squad, which includes the uncapped forwards Andrew Blades, Mark Connors, David Giffin, Touati Kefu and Brett Robinson. All five featured this year in the inaugural Super 12 tournament for provincial teams from Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

The first Test of the tour is against Italy in Padova on 23 October, a match that will mark David Campese's 100th appearance in Australia's colours. In June, Campese increased his world record for tries scored in internationals to 14 by crossing in a one-off Test against Canada in Brisbane.

Orrell are prepared to go to court over their wrangle with Llanelli over the former All Black and Wigan star Franco Botica. Both clubs are claiming rights to the player, who originally agreed to play rugby league for Castleford in the summer Super League and union with Orrell for the next two winters.

Orrell have placed the matter in the hands of their solicitor, with a spokesman, Geoff Lightfoot, saying: "If they get away with this, it will create a precedent that will be very damaging to the game as a whole. It would mean that any contract is not worth the paper it is written on."

Lightfoot agreed a £75,000 transfer fee with Castleford for the 33-year-old former Wigan back and paraded him in front of their supporters before their

**Newbridge all change**

The five-man Newbridge coaching staff yesterday resigned en bloc in the wake of the club's poor start to the Welsh League season, and have conceded 197 points in their last three league matches.

The former Australian prop forward Tony Daly will make his debut for Saracens in Saturday's Courage League game at London Irish. Daly, who scored Australia's winning try against England in the 1991 World Cup final at Twickenham, has been capped 41 times by his country and has recently been playing for Queensland.

Saracens are still without Daly's fellow countryman Michael Lynagh, whose recovery from a shoulder injury is now set to keep him out until after the early-season break.



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# Barcelona go looking for goals

## Football

**McAtee asks for patient approach**

Barcelona, one of only four sides to have won all three European club competitions, believe they can score more goals away against AEK Larnaca of Cyprus after a 2-0 home win two weeks ago, both scored by Ronaldinho.

"We mustn't lose this game. The first goal will be very important. In the first leg, we should have scored four or five goals and I think we'll do that there," Bobby Robson, the Barcelona coach, said.

Barcelona are without their injured Spanish international midfielder Josep Guardiola, striker Juan Pizzi and defender Sergi Barjuan, but the strength in depth of their squad means the absences will hardly be noticed.

Benfica visit Ruch Chorzow of Poland with a 5-1 lead from the first leg, while PSV are level at 1-1 with Dynamo Batumi of Georgia going into their home leg.

Another former European Cup-winning team, Red Star Belgrade, are 1-0 down, but home advantage in front of a crowd expected to be almost 100,000 could help them through against Kaiserslautern.

The Germans, relegated in their cup-winning season, will be looking to their Czech Republic players, Pavel Kuka and Miroslav Kadlec, but the latter is one of several injury doubts for Otto Rehhagel, their coach. The former German international defender Andreas Kehlme stands by in case Kadlec fails a late fitness test.

Kaiserslautern are bidding to become the first German Second Division side to reach the second round in European competition.

Nimes look set to become the first French Third Division side to progress beyond the first round in Europe as they defend a 3-1 lead away in Hungary's Kispest Honved.

However, we could get plenty of inspiration against Nimes, but enter the tie in optimistic mood after a 2-1 away win at the weekend when Mihaly Tihal, scorer of their three goals in the Cup-Winners' Cup this season, hit the winner.

Tihal, whose away goal at Nimes may prove useful, plays

in what is expected to be an unchanged team.

France have two clubs in the Cup-Winners' Cup with the holders, Paris St-Germain, at home to Vaduz with a 4-0 lead from the first leg.

The Liechtenstein part-timers' only hope of scoring against a PSG side that has yet to concede a goal under Ricardo, their Brazilian manager, this season is if the French side tests a few inexperienced players in a tie virtually sewn up two weeks ago.

The PSG goalkeeper, Bernard Lama, is not injured, while Ricardo may rest Lama's fellow French internationals Alain Roche and Vincent Guerin.

Fiorentina are level at 1-1 going into the home leg against Gloria Bistrita of Romania thanks to Gabriel Baristuta's away goal.

Brazil's Luis Barroso Oliveira and the Italian striker Anselmo Rohrbach will line up alongside Baristuta, the Argentinian international striker.

The same trio led Fiorentina to a 2-0 win over Verona on Sunday - their first league victory of the season.

"A three-pronged attack can go well both both for home and away games," Claudio Ranieri, the Fiorentina coach, said.

"But we're cautious - everyone thinks we're already through to the next round and are only talking about our league game next Sunday against Juventus. But the truth is Gloria Bistrita are a dangerous team."

Portugal's Mancel Cesar Rui Costa is expected to play behind the front three, in the role of playmaker.

Sparta Prague have two away goals from a first leg 2-2 draw with Sturm Graz of Austria going into the home leg, but their coach, Jozef Chovanec, has warned his team against complacency.

"We have the chance to move to the second round, in our hands and we can't let it slip out with a defensive mistake. We can't let down our guard, even for a second," he said.

Chomutov of Slovakia, playing in Europe for the first time, are 1-0 down against AEK Athens, despite dominating much of the away leg.

"In Athens, we put up a fight and attacked constantly, although we could not get the equaliser. On Thursday we will do the same," their coach, Ondrej Danko, said.

Away goals could also stand Brann Bergen of Norway in good stead as they face Cercle Bruges of Belgium 3-2 down.

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Deep in thought: The new Arsenal manager, Arsène Wenger, sees his side defeated in Cologne last night Report, page 28; Photograph: Allsport

## SFA unhappy over live coverage of Scotland game

Television officials and football authorities are on a collision course over live coverage of next month's Scotland World Cup game in Latvia.

BBC Scotland have bought rights to show the match live on the afternoon of Saturday, 5 October. But if they go ahead, they will incur the wrath of the Scottish football authorities with a Bef's First, Second and Third Division programme planned for the same day.

The Scottish Football Association insist that, under a Uefa

rule, there should be no live transmission of matches on a Saturday afternoon between 1pm and 6pm. The Scottish League also want live coverage blocked.

However, BBC Scotland's Mike Abbott said: "We have bought rights to show the game live via an agent acting for the Latvian FA. We believe it is a game the nation will want to see and we intend to screen it and the fixture against Estonia in Tallinn on the following Wednesday."

"We have done the deal for

the Latvia match and have a Grandstand programme scheduled around it."

"As far as I am concerned, any problem there might be is football's. What about last night when Aston Villa were on live up against Coca-Cola Cup football in England and a First Division game in Scotland?"

"We are into a free market in my view and what can they do to stop us? We bought the rights in good faith so if anyone is in trouble with Uefa it will be the Latvian authorities who sold the rights."

The BBC were heavily criticised for not showing live Scotland's opening World Cup qualifier, a goalless draw with Austria in Vienna in August.

"That was down to budget," Abbott said. "We have always said we will do international matches as and when we can and I can assure you covering games from Latvia and Estonia is not the simplest exercise."

The SFA says it has had no request to screen the Latvia match live and that, if forthcoming, it would be blocked.

The kick-off in Riga against Latvia is 2pm British time with Scotland's game due to kick off an hour later at home.

The Scottish League secretary, Peter Donald, said: "It cannot be live under article 14 of the Uefa rulebook which does not permit screenings on Saturday afternoons."

"There is a full programme in the First, Second and Third Divisions in Scotland that day and it would clearly not be in their interests if the national team were on television in opposition."

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Martin O'Neill, the Leicester City manager, has not given up hope of bringing the Swedish striker Jesper Blomqvist to Filbert Street. O'Neill has watched the Gothenburg player twice but his chances of signing Blomqvist looked bleak when the player was told he had to see out his contract. However, the 21-year-old becomes a free agent in December and O'Neill said: "I'm keeping a close eye on the situation. I don't want to think it's dead and buried."

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## FOOTBALL RESULTS

**WESTERN**  
Notts Cap  
First round second leg  
Macclesfield 1-1, 3-1 Arsenal (2-0, 3-0)  
Bromley 23, 90 Wright 43, Mason 50  
Bolton 75, 35,000

Brussels Marcinelle 1-0, 4-0 on aggregate  
FC Twente 2-0, 3-0, 4-0, 5-0, 6-0, 7-0, 8-0, 9-0, 10-0, 11-0, 12-0, 13-0, 14-0, 15-0, 16-0, 17-0, 18-0, 19-0, 20-0, 21-0, 22-0, 23-0, 24-0, 25-0, 26-0, 27-0, 28-0, 29-0, 30-0, 31-0, 32-0, 33-0, 34-0, 35-0, 36-0, 37-0, 38-0, 39-0, 40-0, 41-0, 42-0, 43-0, 44-0, 45-0, 46-0, 47-0, 48-0, 49-0, 50-0, 51-0, 52-0, 53-0, 54-0, 55-0, 56-0, 57-0, 58-0, 59-0, 60-0, 61-0, 62-0, 63-0, 64-0, 65-0, 66-0, 67-0, 68-0, 69-0, 70-0, 71-0, 72-0, 73-0, 74-0, 75-0, 76-0, 77-0, 78-0, 79-0, 80-0, 81-0, 82-0, 83-0, 84-0, 85-0, 86-0, 87-0, 88-0, 89-0, 90-0, 91-0, 92-0, 93-0, 94-0, 95-0, 96-0, 97-0, 98-0, 99-0, 100-0, 101-0, 102-0, 103-0, 104-0, 105-0, 106-0, 107-0, 108-0, 109-0, 110-0, 111-0, 112-0, 113-0, 114-0, 115-0, 116-0, 117-0, 118-0, 119-0, 120-0, 121-0, 122-0, 123-0, 124-0, 125-0, 126-0, 127-0, 128-0, 129-0, 130-0, 131-0, 132-0, 133-0, 134-0, 135-0, 136-0, 137-0, 138-0, 139-0, 140-0, 141-0, 142-0, 143-0, 144-0, 145-0, 146-0, 147-0, 148-0, 149-0, 150-0, 151-0, 152-0, 153-0, 154-0, 155-0, 156-0, 157-0, 158-0, 159-0, 160-0, 161-0, 162-0, 163-0, 164-0, 165-0, 166-0, 167-0, 168-0, 169-0, 170-0, 171-0, 172-0, 173-0, 174-0, 175-0, 176-0, 177-0, 178-0, 179-0, 180-0, 181-0, 182-0, 183-0, 184-0, 185-0, 186-0, 187-0, 188-0, 189-0, 190-0, 191-0, 192-0, 193-0, 194-0, 195-0, 196-0, 197-0, 198-0, 199-0, 200-0, 201-0, 202-0, 203-0, 204-0, 205-0, 206-0, 207-0, 208-0, 209-0, 210-0, 211-0, 212-0, 213-0, 214-0, 215-0, 216-0, 217-0, 218-0, 219-0, 220-0, 221-0, 222-0, 223-0, 224-0, 225-0, 226-0, 227-0, 228-0, 229-0, 230-0, 231-0, 232-0, 233-0, 234-0, 235-0, 236-0, 237-0, 238-0, 239-0, 240-0, 241-0, 242-0, 243-0, 244-0, 245-0, 246-0, 247-0, 248-0, 249-0, 250-0, 251-0, 252-0, 253-0, 254-0, 255-0, 256-0, 257-0, 258-0, 259-0, 260-0, 261-0, 262-0, 263-0, 264-0, 265-0, 266-0, 267-0, 268-0, 269-0, 270-0, 271-0, 272-0, 273-0, 274-0, 275-0, 276-0, 277-0, 278-0, 279-0, 280-0, 281-0, 282-0, 283-0, 284-0, 285-0, 286-0, 287-0, 288-0, 289-0, 290-0, 291-0, 292-0, 293-0, 294-0, 295-0, 296-0, 297-0, 298-0, 299-0, 300-0, 301-0, 302-0, 303-0, 304-0, 305-0, 306-0, 307-0, 308-0, 309-0, 310-0, 311-0, 312-0, 313-0, 314-0, 315-0, 316-0, 317-0, 318-0, 319-0, 320-0, 321-0, 322-0, 323-0, 324-0, 325-0, 326-0, 327-0, 328-0, 329-0, 330-0, 331-0, 332-0, 333-0, 334-0, 335-0, 336-0, 337-0, 338-0, 339-0, 340-0, 341-0, 342-0, 343-0, 344-0, 345-0, 346-0, 347-0, 348-0, 349-0, 350-0, 351-0, 352-0, 353-0, 354-0, 355-0, 356-0, 357-0, 358-0, 359-0, 360-0, 361-0, 362-0, 363-0, 364-0, 365-0, 366-0, 367-0, 368-0, 369-0, 370-0, 371-0, 372-0, 373-0, 374-0, 375-0, 376-0, 377-0, 378-0, 379-0, 380-0, 381-0, 382-0, 383-0, 384-0, 385-0, 386-0, 387-0, 388-0, 389-0, 390-0, 391-0, 392-0, 393-0, 394-0, 395-0, 396-0, 397-0, 398-0, 399-0, 400-0, 401-0, 402-0, 403-0, 404-0, 405-0, 406-0, 407-0, 408-0, 409-0, 410-0, 411-0, 412-0, 413-0, 414-0, 415-0, 416-0, 417-0, 418-0, 419-0, 420-0, 421-0, 422-0, 423-0, 424-0, 425-0, 426-0, 427-0, 428-0, 429-0, 430-0, 431-0, 432-0, 433-0, 434-0, 435-0, 436-0, 437-0, 438-0, 439-0, 440-0, 441-0, 442-0, 443-0, 444-0, 445-0, 446-0, 447-0, 448-0, 449-0, 450-0, 451-0, 452-0, 453-0, 454-0, 455-0, 456-0, 457-0, 458-0, 459-0, 460-0, 461-0, 462-0, 463-0, 464-0, 465-0, 466-0, 467-0, 468-0, 469-0, 470-0, 471-0, 472-0, 473-0, 474-0, 475-0, 476-0, 477-0, 478-0, 479-0, 480-0, 481-0, 482-0, 483-0, 484-0, 485-0, 486-0, 487-0, 488-0, 489-0, 490-0, 491-0, 492-0, 493-0, 494-0, 495-0, 496-0, 497-0, 498-0, 499-0, 500-0, 501-0, 502-0, 503-0, 504-0, 505-0, 506-0, 507-0, 508-0, 509-0, 510-0, 511-0, 512-0, 513-0, 514-0, 515-0, 516-0, 517-0, 518-0, 519-0, 520-0, 521-0, 522-0, 523-0, 524-0, 525-0, 526-0, 527-0, 528-0, 529-0, 530-0, 531-0, 532-0, 533-0, 534-0, 535-0, 536-0, 537-0, 538-0, 539-0, 540-0, 541-0, 542-0, 543-0, 544-0, 545-0, 546-0, 547-0, 548-0, 549-0, 550-0, 551-0, 552-0, 553-0, 554-0, 555-0, 556-0, 557-0, 558-0, 559-0, 560-0, 561-0, 562-0, 563-0, 564-0, 565-0, 566-0, 567-0, 568-0, 569-0, 570-0, 571-0, 572-0, 573-0, 574-0, 575-0, 576-0, 577-0, 578-0, 579-0, 580-0, 581-0, 582-0, 583-0, 58

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UEFA CUP: Borussia Mönchengladbach progress to second round despite impressive fightback from Gunners



Ian Wright of Arsenal (left) tries to escape the attentions of Borussia Mönchengladbach's Stefan Effenberg during the English side's Uefa Cup defeat in Cologne last night.

Photograph: Allsport

## Arsenal denied by Juskowiak

DERRICK WHYTE

Borussia Mönchengladbach 3  
Arsenal 2  
Borussia Mönchengladbach  
win 6-4 on aggregate

Stefan Effenberg and Andrzej Juskowiak stopped Arsenal's comeback handwaggon in its tracks in Cologne last night.

But for a single half-hour in the second half, the Gunners, 3-2 down going into the second leg of their first-round Uefa Cup tie, looked as if they might pull off another revival.

Tony Adams returned to the centre of the Arsenal defence for his first start since two knee

operations and showed all his familiar authority until being substituted after Mönchengladbach's second goal.

However, it had taken a splendid save by the England goalkeeper, David Seaman, to prevent Juskowiak giving Mönchengladbach the lead 10 minutes before he actually did so.

Seaman's outstretched leg kept out the shot from Jorgen Petersen's pass, but he had no chance when Effenberg delivered a ball in behind the flat-footed Andy Linighan for Juskowiak.

Up to then, Arsenal had shown only half-glimpses of their striking quality. John Hartson had a shot well saved by Uwe Kamps after Ian Wright

had superbly well to provide a low cross. Wright had mis-kicked when promisingly placed from Hartson's pass just a few minutes earlier, but the striker made no mistake three minutes from the break after Hartson headed on Paul Merson's free-kick for a close-range strike.

It was Wright's 15th goal in 17 European ties and his eighth this season. It gave Arsenal the motivation they needed to look for an unlikely victory.

Unlikely, became possible when, just four minutes into the second half, an impressive array of passes finished with Merson pumping home a cracking 25-yard blast to bring the aggregate scores level.

But Arsenal's reprieve was only temporary. Three minutes later, Effenberg was picked out perfectly by substitute

The goal was built with passes flowing through Linighan, Steve Bould, Patrick Vieira, Wright, Hartson and finally Merson, but in the end it was not enough to unhinge the Germans.

Arsenal had no option now but to go for the third away goal they needed to win on aggregate and, perhaps inevitably, they were caught when Effenberg broke from half-way, waited patiently for Peter Nielsen's pass and with the angle almost impossible for his shot, hit the outside of a post.

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out perfectly by substitute Christian Hochstätter, and his shot left Seaman stranded.

Arsenal could still have taken a third goal at the other end after Adams was replaced by Ray Parlour, but the substitute's low, raking cross from the right somehow eluded Hartson five yards from the far post. Arsene Wenger also appealed for a penalty when Vieira went tumbling over Hochstätter's challenge. The German was booked, but Arsene

kick was half just outside the box.

With seconds left, Effenberg went for the kill, sending Martin Schneider racing away down the left and pulling the ball back for Juskowiak to complete a double that warns England of his impending arrival at Wem-

bly for the World Cup qualifiers next month.

Arsenal really lost this tie in the home leg at Highbury two weeks ago, and their new manager, Arsene Wenger, may have to work on their traditional strength in defence rather than their attack, which has been bursting with goals this season.

"Today we saw just how important Stefan Effenberg is for us," said Kraus, the Mönchengladbach coach. "Arsenal never gave up and when we went 2-1 behind, I thought it was going to be very tight."

"It was hard going," Effenberg said. "Arsenal played much better than they did in England but if you take both ties together, I think we deserve to go through."

Borussia Mönchengladbach: Kamps, Arndt, Neun, Juskowiak, Effenberg, Schröder, Nelson (Wirth), 74), Pötsch, Lutzsch, Föhrer (Stüder, 84), Petersen (Hochstätter, 62), Schäfer (Kraus, 62). Arsenal: Seaman, Keown, Adams (Vieira, 76), Linighan (Parlour, 86), Bould, Winterburn, Platini, Merson, Wright, Hartson. Substitutes not used: Rose, Shaw, Luke (90). Referee: A Lopez (Mexico 1990).

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## Good-bye battery



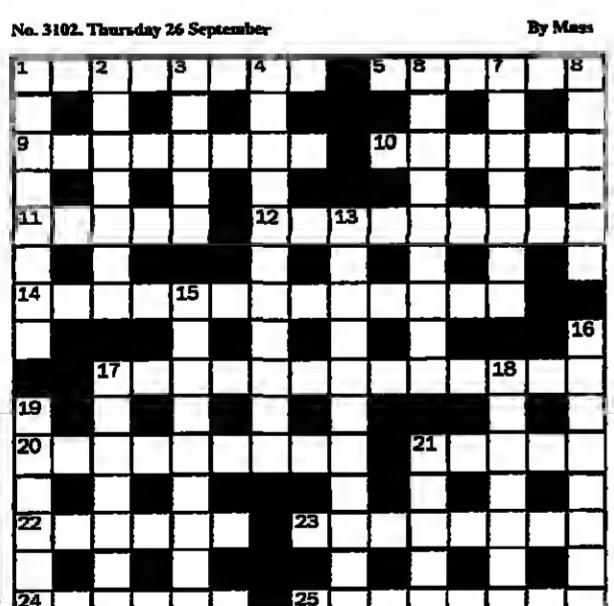
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- Cast for fish (retaining record in retrospect) (6)
- Jail? One figure getting time is rueful (8)
- Little lady, free and showy (6)
- Stout gets you high? (5)
- Senseless holding a degree in patois (9)
- Like a couple of goodies? (4-9)
- Moving back Queen, I got reverses into play (13)
- Padding around a cell? (9)

- Fires with sound of instrument (5)
- Midget's kicked around in unprofessional play (6)
- Animal stopping short without oxygen (8)
- Bear, not a ram (6)
- Newfangled barrel containing nothing of oak, etc. (8)
- Language of borders in NE Spain (8)
- Prevailing, Grant reduced Lee at war (7)
- Staple clapped tab to make sure (5)
- A goal, of course! (7-4)
- Hot! Loom fan's working in phases (4-5)
- Greek character charges for copies (7)
- Gather leader's absorbed its writer? (6)
- Rendering's his job, and working with gloss? (11)
- Score with figure – crushing English total, we hear? (9)
- Right note in disciplinary individual (8)
- Point of drill caught in recess (7)
- Show preference for bank (7)
- Swell badly flooding part of boat (6)
- Burst of applause from five in short Exhibition (5)

Duncan Ferguson is facing up to six weeks on the sidelines after surgery on a knee injury.

The Scotland striker's absence is a serious blow for his Everton manager, Joe Royle, who is attempting to pull his side away from the foot of the Premiership table. Ferguson's injury also red news for the Scotland coach, Craig Brown, as the 24-year-old striker could also miss three World Cup qualifiers.

Ferguson is now ruled out of the games in Latvia and Estonia on 5 and 9 October, and could be struggling to make the home match with Sweden on 10 November.

Ferguson played outstanding football in the first two games of the Premiership, against Newcastle on the opening day and against Manchester United four days later when he octed twice.

However, he has been struggling for a few weeks with the knee and on Tuesday went into hospital for exploratory surgery. A cartilage operation followed.

Among the Premiership games he will miss is the Merseyside derby on 20 October at Anfield. Ferguson would have missed the next couple of matches though, after being sent off against Blackburn Rovers last Saturday.

Royle might now be forced into looking for a replacement

as Everton attempt to end a run of eight games without a win when they play Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday. Wimbleton's unsettled striker Dean Holdsworth, rated at £4m, is understood to be the top target.

Royle is desperately seeking a victory on Saturday to try and appease the fans after the Coca-Cola Cup defeat by Second Division York on Tuesday night.

But he insisted: "This is no time to panic. We do need some new faces and we are constantly asking about players who I know would improve us."

"But the players I want are not available at the moment. I am not going to give false hope of making a signing today or tomorrow. It is a question of waiting. The players are very low. They are frustrated and know they are letting themselves and the supporters down at the moment."

"But I am confident in the players that we have here and that things will come round. We have had two seasons of immense progress and that does not suddenly turn into a situation of panic. We need everyone to stand up and be counted but at the moment one or two are going missing."

Royle added: "The game against York should have been out of sight at Goodison Park. It should have been academic

but it wasn't. Overall we got a hiding. I was very disappointed. Certainly going out of the cup at this stage wasn't in the script as far as I was concerned."

Glenn Hoddle is set to reap the benefit of England's Euro 96 heroes when England meet Poland in a World Cup qualifier next month.

Wembley is on the way to becoming a 76,000 sell-out for the 9 October game, with more than half the tickets already snapped up by fans wanting to see Hoddle's first game at the twin towers since he was installed as Terry Venables' coaching successor.

"We haven't seen interest like this for a very long time," Wembley spokesman said.

Wembley expect another rush for tickets today when Hoddle names his squad for a meeting with opponents who have stood between England and World Cup success on many occasions down the years.

The stadium spokesman added: "There is always an increase in demand for tickets after squads are announced, so we would advise people to book now to avoid disappointment."

Hoddle's men kicked off their Group Two campaign with a 3-0 win in Moldova earlier this month as they look to book their place in the 1998 finals in France.

**Britain may pay Olympic medallists**

### Olympic Games

Britain may pay gold medallists £20,000 (£32,000) at the 2000 Sydney Olympics as part of a 12-point plan to improve the nation's standing at the world's biggest sporting occasion.

In the country's worst Olympic performance since the 1952 Helsinki Games, rower Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent were Britain's only title winners in Atlanta this year.

A report from British chief mission Richard Palmer, presented to the British Olympic Association's annual general meeting on Wednesday, acknowledged that Atlanta had been "something of a curse" – good and bad in places.

"Atlanta, despite its many positive features, was a hard, difficult Games," Palmer said. "Clear messages have been signalled, both to the Olympic movement and to British sport."

"British sport need wit, imagination and clear focus if it is to meet the challenges that are certain to face us in Sydney in 2000."

A document presented to the meeting, entitled "Athlete Performance Strategy to 2000", said the setting up of a British Academy of Sport, announced by Prime Minister John Major during the Atlanta Games, would have little effect on performances at the 1998 Nagano Winter Games or the Sydney Olympics.

"It is therefore important that a framework of clear objectives are agreed by the BOA as a strategy from 1996-2000," the document said.

It said selected athletes should be guaranteed economic support, full and part-time coaches appointed, team managers reimbursed for time off work, and financial rewards offered to all medalists in Sydney and Nagano.

"It doesn't need to be cash for medals," the BOA chairman Craig Reddie, told a news conference yesterday. "If you are a medalist, maybe you could get cash for training for the next four years."

"It's a sobering experience to see what world-class competition is like, particularly at the Olympic Games."

"I certainly believe there's a fair reservoir of young talent in this country and their medal prospects would be enhanced if they don't have to worry about dole money."

Reddie said he was "irritated" at the delay in the formation of the new UK Sports Council, and that its close working relationship with the BOA was crucial to an improvement in Britain's fortunes at the highest level.

Dozens killed in shot, Mideast hopes and buried the bat close to the top